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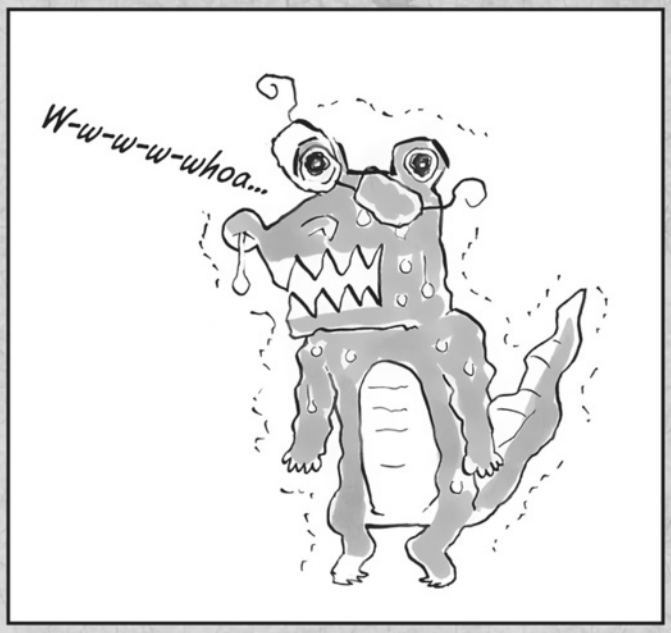

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I'm Gotouge—welcome to volume 15! Thank you to everyone who has supported me. The anime is really coming together. I got to see a sneak peek! The visuals are so stunning, and the music is so beautiful that it made me tremble. Back when I was new to being a manga author, I never even dreamed that Ufotable, creators of the anime I was absorbed in at the time, would end up making my show too. But no matter how great the anime is, if the original manga doesn't stay interesting, a lot of people are going to be upset! So I'll keep on working hard!

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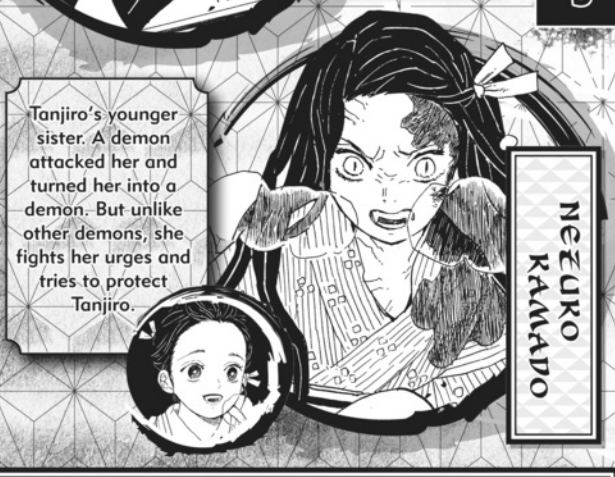
CHARACTERS

Tanjiro Kamado

A kind boy who saved his sister when the rest of his family was killed. Now he seeks revenge. He can smell the scent of demons and his opponents' weaknesses.

Nezuko Kamado



Tanjiro's younger sister. A demon attacked her and turned her into a demon. But unlike other demons, she fights her urges and tries to protect Tanjiro.

Zenitsu Agatsuma

He went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He's usually cowardly, but when he falls asleep, his true power comes out.

Inosuke Hashibira

He also went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He wears the pelt of a wild boar and is very belligerent.

Hanegezuka

The swordsmith who makes Tanjiro's katanas. He has the soul of an artist, so he gets angry when a katana is treated poorly.

Genya Shinazugawa

He went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. His elder brother is Sanemi, the Wind Hashira. He and Tanjiro meet again in the village of swordsmiths.

Mitsuri Kanroji

Love Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. She joined the Demon Slayer Corps to find a man to marry.

Muichiro Tokito

The Mist Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He's the descendant of users of Sun Breathing—the first breathing technique.

Muzan Kibutsuji

Kibutsuji turned Nezuko into a demon. He is Tanjiro's enemy and hides his nature in order to live among human beings.

Upper Rank 4: Hantengu

Together with Gyokko, he has infiltrated the village of swordsmiths on orders from Muzan Kibutsuji.

Hate

Hantengu's Other Self. An alter ego of Hantengu who is a combination of that demon's separate Kidoairaku bodies. He displays the kanji for hate.

STORY

In Taisho-Era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form and defeat Kibutsuji, the demon who killed their family!

After joining the Demon Slayer Corps, Tanjiro meets Tamayo and Yushiro—demons who oppose Kibutsuji—who provide a clue to how Nezuko may regain her humanity. In search of a new katana, Tanjiro visits a village of swordsmiths, but the upper-rank demons Hantengu and Gyokko attack. The Mist Hashira, Tokito, wins a hard-fought victory against Gyokko and the Love Hashira, Kanroji, takes on Hantengu's spawn. Meanwhile, Tanjiro and Genya pursue Hantengu's actual miniature form!!

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DAYBREAK AND FIRST LIGHT

DAWN APPROACH-ES.
KANROJI HAS BEEN USING A LOT OF BIG MOVES, SO HER STRENGTH WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER...
...AND THE DEMONS WILL FLEE AT DAWN.
WE MUST HURRY!

CHAPTER 125: DAWN APPROACHES

RRRIP
JUST DIE ALREADY!
SNAP
COME ON!
GRAAH!
ARRRGH!
GET A CLUE!
!!
HE JUST THREW THE TREE!
BWOOSH!

THUD
GYAA!!
ZWUP
YIEEEE!

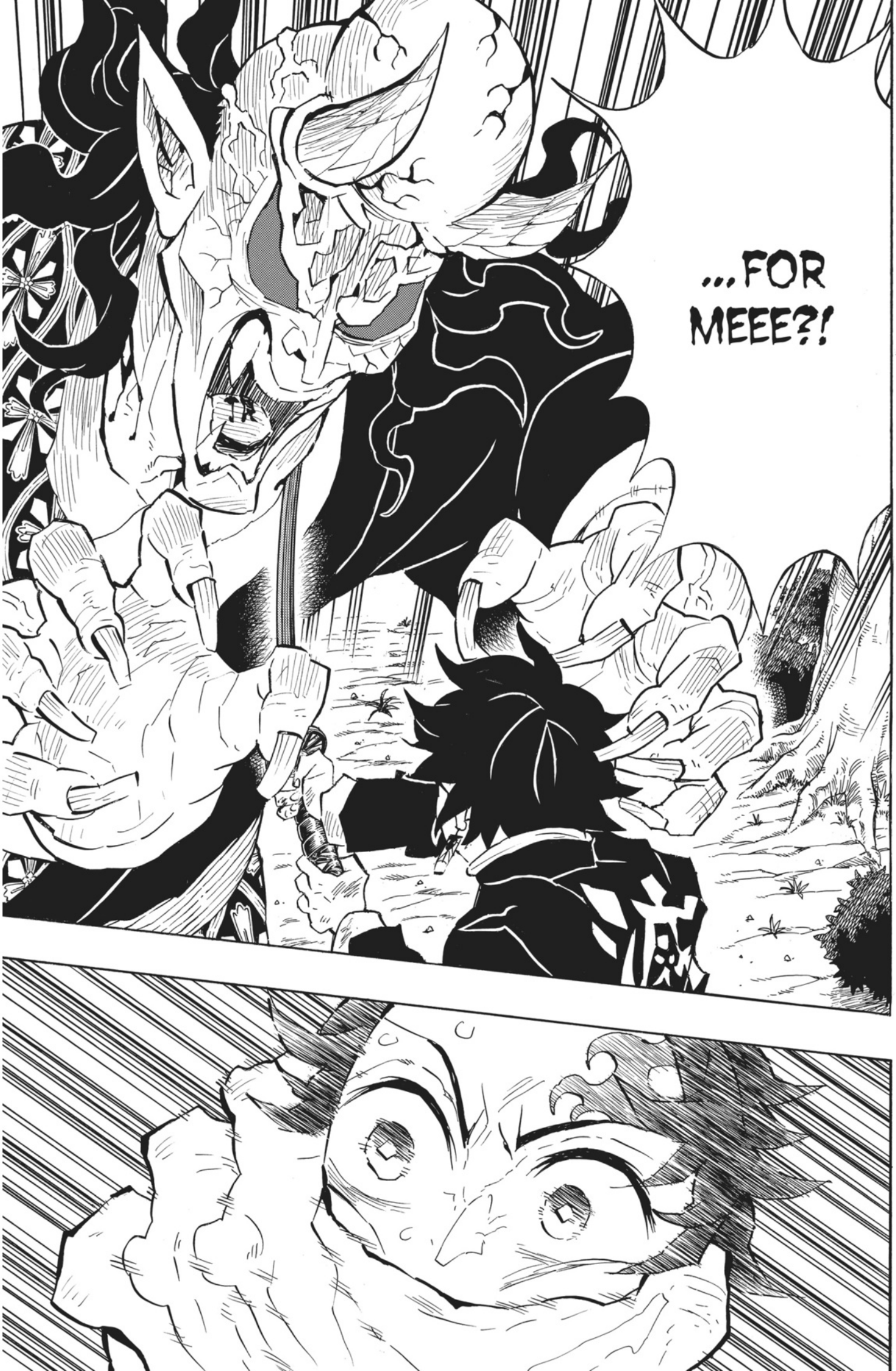
ZWOOSH
WHOOSH
YIEEEE!
I CAN'T KEEP UP!
HE'S SO FAST! WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?! RRRGH!

HE'S SO FAST!
GEEZ! HE'S GONNA KEEP RUNNING FOREVER!
BUT BEFORE DAWN ARRIVES ...
...AND BEFORE KANROJI GETS CRUSHED ...
...WE'RE NOT GONNA LET THAT HAPPEN!
WE WON'T LET YOU WIN!
ARGH! IT'S NO USE!
I CAN'T STAY ON MY FEET!
IN THUNDER BREATHING, YOU FOCUS ON YOUR LEGS.
I WISH MY LEFT LEG WASN'T HURT!
ZNNG
NGH!

"ONLY BY BEING CONSCIOUS OF ALL OF THEM DO YOU TRULY ACHIEVE TOTAL CONCEN-TRATION."
THAT'S WHAT MY OLD TRAINER ALWAYS SAID.
SURPRISINGLY, WE DON'T HAVE A CLEAR GRASP...
...OF OUR BODY'S DIMENSIONS AND THE SHAPES OF OUR MUSCLES.
...IN YOUR LEGS...
BUILD UP THE STRENGTH ...
...AND TO EVERY BLOOD VESSEL.
CIRCU-LATE AIR...
...TO EVERY FIBER OF YOUR MUSCLES ...
BUILD IT UP...

...THAT CUTS THE AIR LIKE A THUNDER-CLAP!
...AND LET IT GO...
...IN ONE BLAST...
!
!
THWAK

KNNCH
GO! GO! THIS TIME...
...WITH ALL MY STRENGTH ...!
FWIP
DOON'T ...
... YOUUU ...
...FEEL SORRY...
JN


...FOR MEEE?!

YOU SHOULDN'T PICK ON...
...THE WEEAAAK!
GULP

YANK
YOU FOOL!
ENOUGH WITH YOUR EXCUSES!
GRAAH!
SPLAT
KRNK

FWSH
GRAAH!
GYAH!
WSHH

SHOOT
OH NO!
FWSH
UNGH!
I'LL GET BURNED TOO BECAUSE I ATE DEMON FLESH!
WAH!
SWAT
WHSH

WHAM
TAN-
JIRO!
NEZU-
KO!
KOFF
KOFF

ZOHA-KUTEN IS USING TOO MUCH STRENGTH.
I MUST REPLEN-ISH IT WITH HUMAN FLESH!
THIS IS BAD!
MY REGEN-ERATION IS SLOWING DOWN!

YES, I WILL...!
HUMANS ARE NEARBY... I FEEL IT!
STOP!

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY!
YOU CAN RUN TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL, BUT I'LL FOLLOW YOU!
AND I'LL...
...CUT OFF YOUR HEAD!
NYG
H
ONE OF THESE THREE KIDS IS A DEMON! WHAT A PAIN!
IT'S ALWAYS SOME-THING!
OKAY
UH-OH! GO THAT WAY!
THERE...
HUMANS!

BAM
THAT KID'S SWORD GOT STUCK IN MY NECK BUT IT DIDN'T CUT THROUGH!
FIRST, I'LL POWER UP BY EATING THOSE HUMANS!
I'LL USE TOTAL CONCEN-TRATION TO KICK MYSELF UP!
HURRY!
DO IT QUICK! ONE MORE TIME!
WSHWSHWSH!

TINK
USE IT!
?!
A SWORD ...?!
IT'S ...

KNOCK IT OFF! I'LL KILL YOU! DON'T USE IT!
USE THAT BLADE, TANJIRO!
IT'S ONLY BEEN SHARP-ENED TO THE FIRST STAGE!
GIVE IT BACK!
TOKITO...
STUPID BRAT!
THWOK
BUT DAWN IS NEAR! HE'LL GET AWAY!
OW!
THANKS!

HOOM
GAH!
SHSHSH

DANCING
FLASH!

Yes! Two of the tea stalks are floating upright! Something good is gonna happen today!

CHAPTER 126: DAYBREAK AND FIRST LIGHT

HFF
HFF
HFF
THIS OPEN GROUND IS DANGER-OUS!
...IS BREAK-ING!
DAWN ...
NEZU-KO...
NNGH! I CAN'T...
KOFF
KOFF
... TALK!
RUN!

NO, NEZUKO!
DON'T COME THIS WAY!
YOU!
YOU'RE THE ONE IN DANGER ...
...IF THE SUN-LIGHT STRIKES YOU!
NEZUKO! RUN!
GET INTO THE SHADE!
MMPH!
MMPH!
?!

WAAAH!
HE'S NOT DEAD... EVEN WITH HIS HEAD CUT OFF!
RUN! RUN!
WHA ...?
?!

THE KANJI FOR RESENT-MENT ?!
I THOUGHT THE MAIN BODY WAS FEAR!
THE CHARACTER ON THE TONGUE IS DIFFERENT!

SHEEN
I MESSED UP! I'VE GOTTA FINISH HIM OFF!

SLLLLL
SLLLLL
GMMPH!

NEZUKO!
NNNGH ...
IT'S THIS BAD EVEN WHEN THE SUN ISN'T FULLY UP?!
SHRINK!
SHRINK! MAKE YOUR BODY SMALLER!
THIS IS BAD!
WAH!

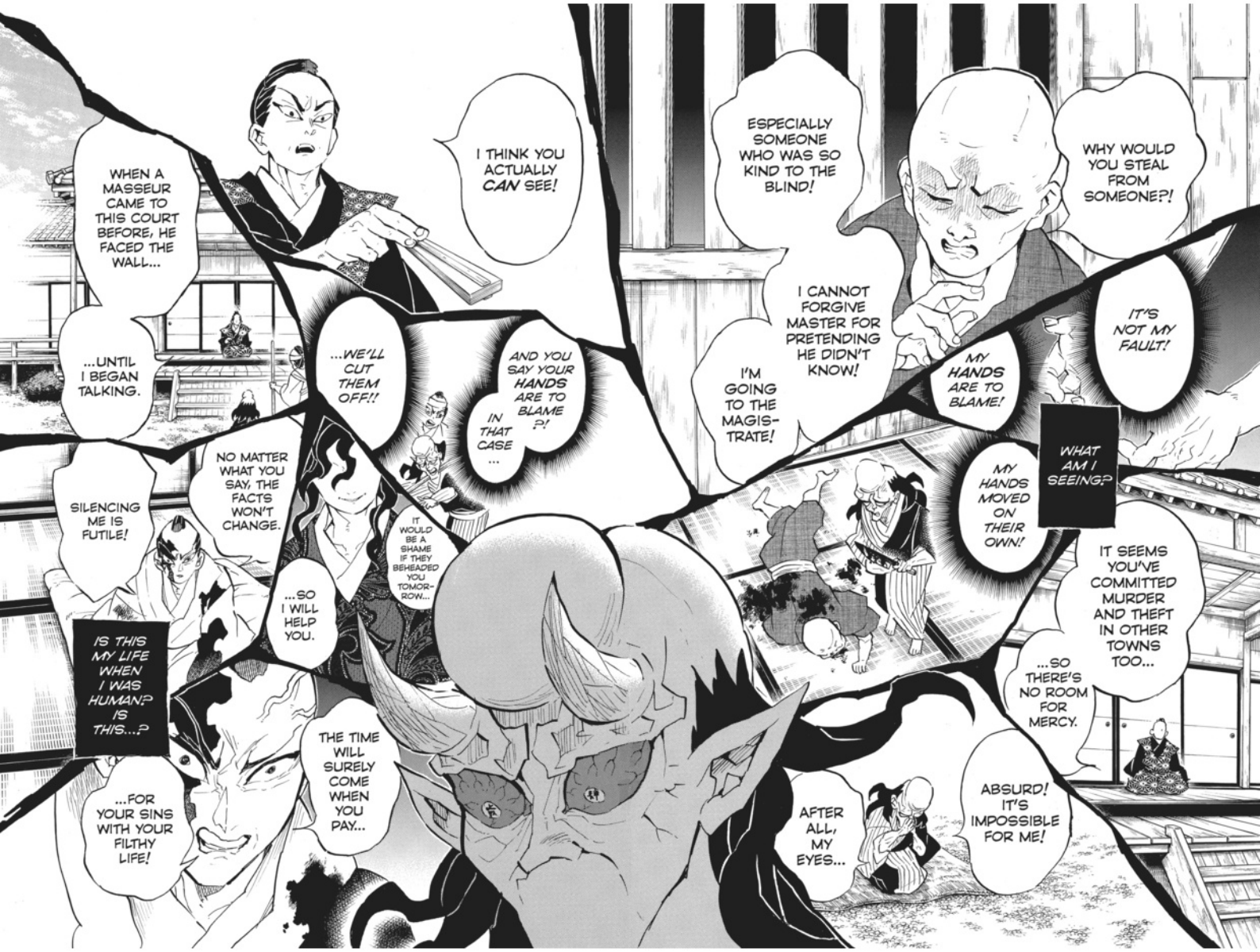
TOKITO!
SOME-ONE HELP!
GENYA!
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER... HE'LL GET THOSE VILLAGERS FIRST!
OH RIGHT! THE SUNLIGHT AFFECTS THAT DEMON TOO!
THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN GET HERE FROM THE TOP OF THAT CLIFF!
...I'LL NEVER CATCH HIM!
AND IF I TRY TO CARRY NEZUKO ...
BDMP
HFF
IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T DECIDE! I CAN'T...
...
AAGH!

BOOT
!!
SIZZZZ

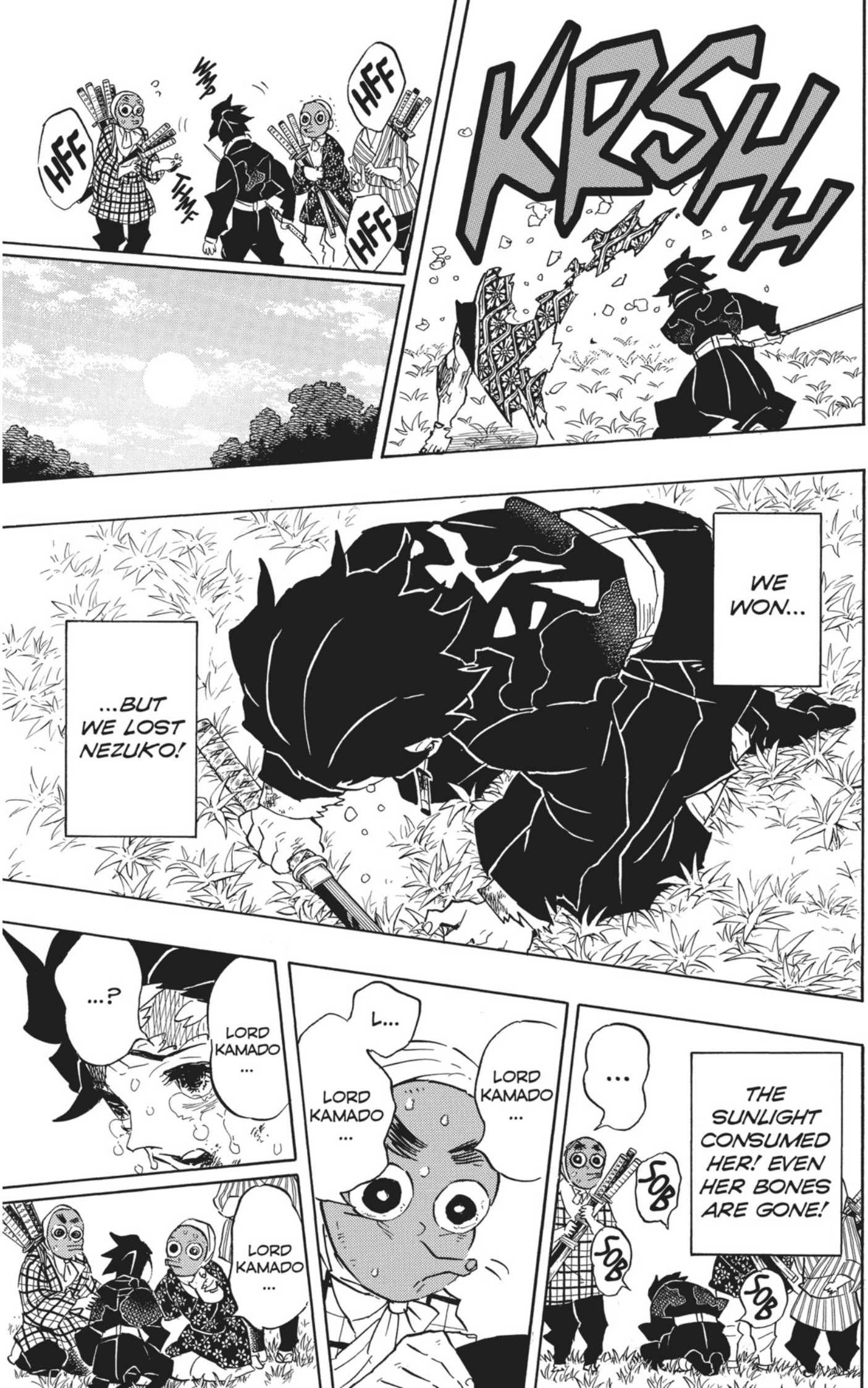
HE HASN'T RUN FAR!
SNIFF HIM OUT!
BUT WHERE?
I CAN FIND HIM BY THE SCENT— THE SHAPE AND COLOR!
HE'S CLOSE ...
IF THE MAIN BODY WERE FAR AWAY, I'D HAVE KNOWN BY THE SMELL.
CLOSER ...
MORE ...!
LOOK CLOSER ...
I SEE!
THERE! HE'S STILL INSIDE THAT DEMON.
SKYK

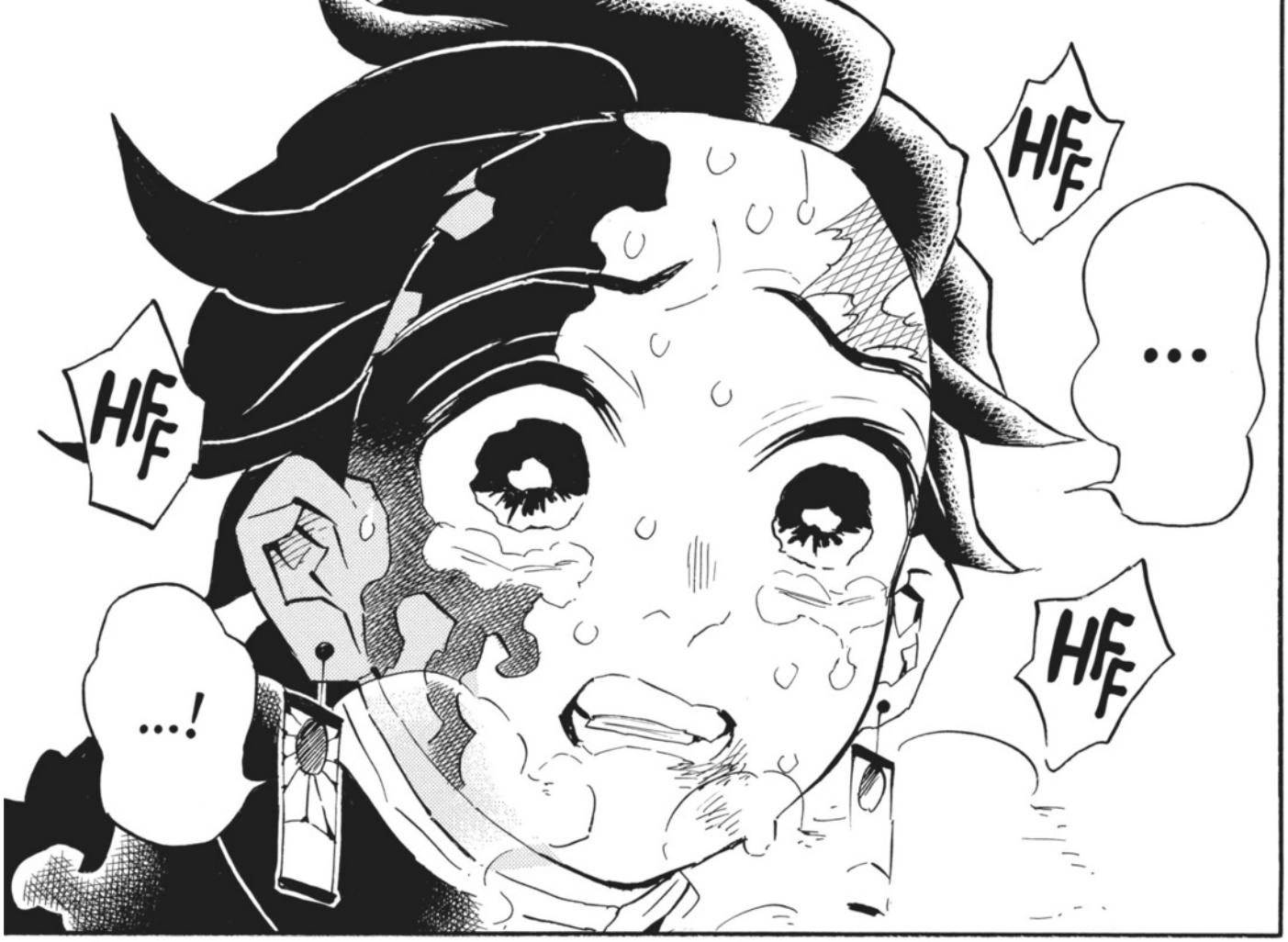
INSIDE THE HEART!
THERE HE IS!
YOU DEVIL!
THIS IS THE END FOR YOU, YOU COWARDLY DEMON!
HE CAUGHT US—
GYAH!
WAAAH! IT'S NO USE!

WHAM
NOW YOU PAY FOR YOUR SINS...
...WITH YOUR LIFE!


WHEN A MASSEUR CAME TO THIS COURT BEFORE, HE FACED THE WALL...
...UNTIL I BEGAN TALKING.
I THINK YOU ACTUALLY *CAN* SEE!
...WE'LL CUT THEM OFF!!
AND YOU SAY YOUR *HANDS* ARE TO BLAME?! IN THAT CASE ...
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, THE FACTS WON'T CHANGE.
SILENCING ME IS FUTILE!
IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF THEY BEHEADED YOU TOMORROW...
...SO I WILL HELP YOU.
IS THIS MY LIFE WHEN I WAS HUMAN? IS THIS...?
THE TIME WILL SURELY COME WHEN YOU PAY...
...FOR YOUR SINS WITH YOUR FILTHY LIFE!
ESPECIALLY SOMEONE WHO WAS SO KIND TO THE BLIND!
I CANNOT FORGIVE MASTER FOR PRETENDING HE DIDN'T KNOW!
I'M GOING TO THE MAGISTRATE!
WHY WOULD YOU STEAL FROM SOMEONE?!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
MY HANDS ARE TO BLAME!
MY HANDS MOVED ON THEIR OWN!
WHAT AM I SEEING?
IT SEEMS YOU'VE COMMITTED MURDER AND THEFT IN OTHER TOWNS TOO...
...SO THERE'S NO ROOM FOR MERCY.
ABSURD! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME!
AFTER ALL, MY EYES...

IS THIS MY LIFE PASSING BEFORE MY EYES?


HFF
THMF
HFF
HFF
KRSH
WE WON...
...BUT WE LOST NEZUKO!
...?
LORD KAMADO ...
L...
LORD KAMADO ...
LORD KAMADO ...
LORD KAMADO ...
...
THE SUNLIGHT CONSUMED HER! EVEN HER BONES ARE GONE!
SOB
SOB
SOB


HFF
...
HFF
HFF
...!

G...
GOOD MORNING!
G...

WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, BUT EVEN WE KNOW SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IS HAPPENING.
TETSUDOJI
TETSUTANI
TETSU-MOTONAKA

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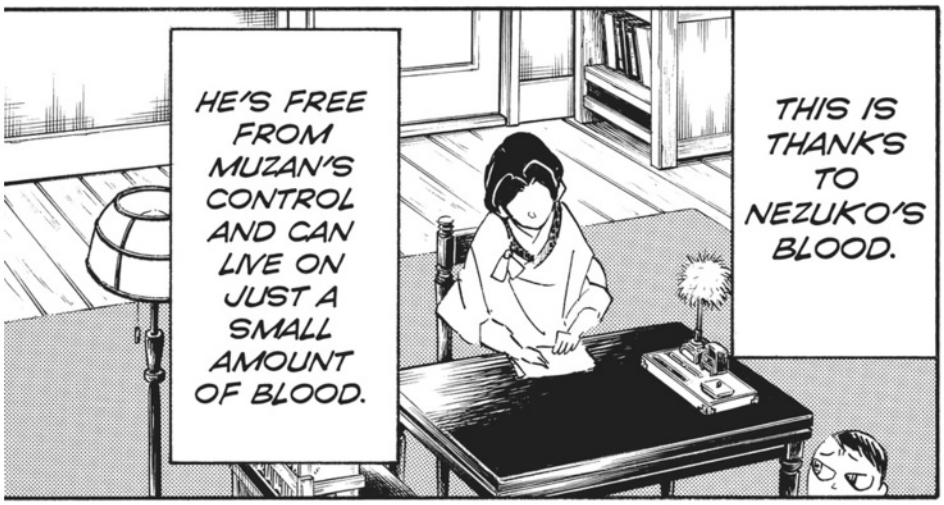
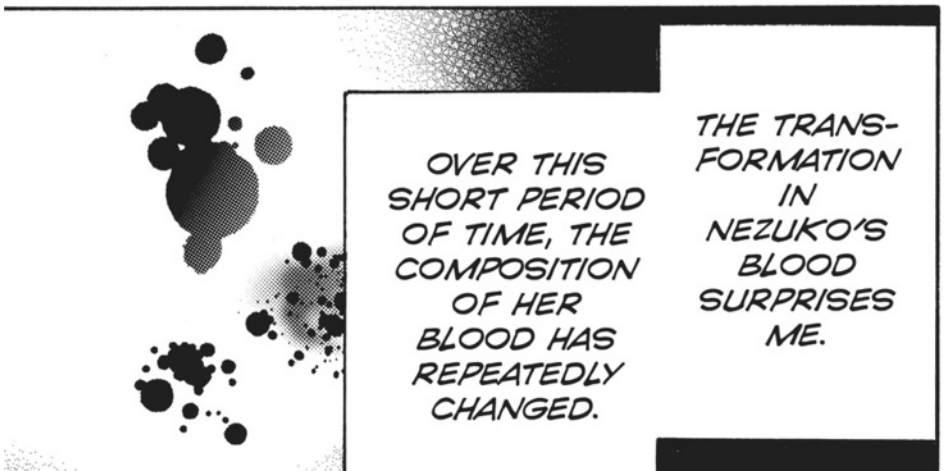
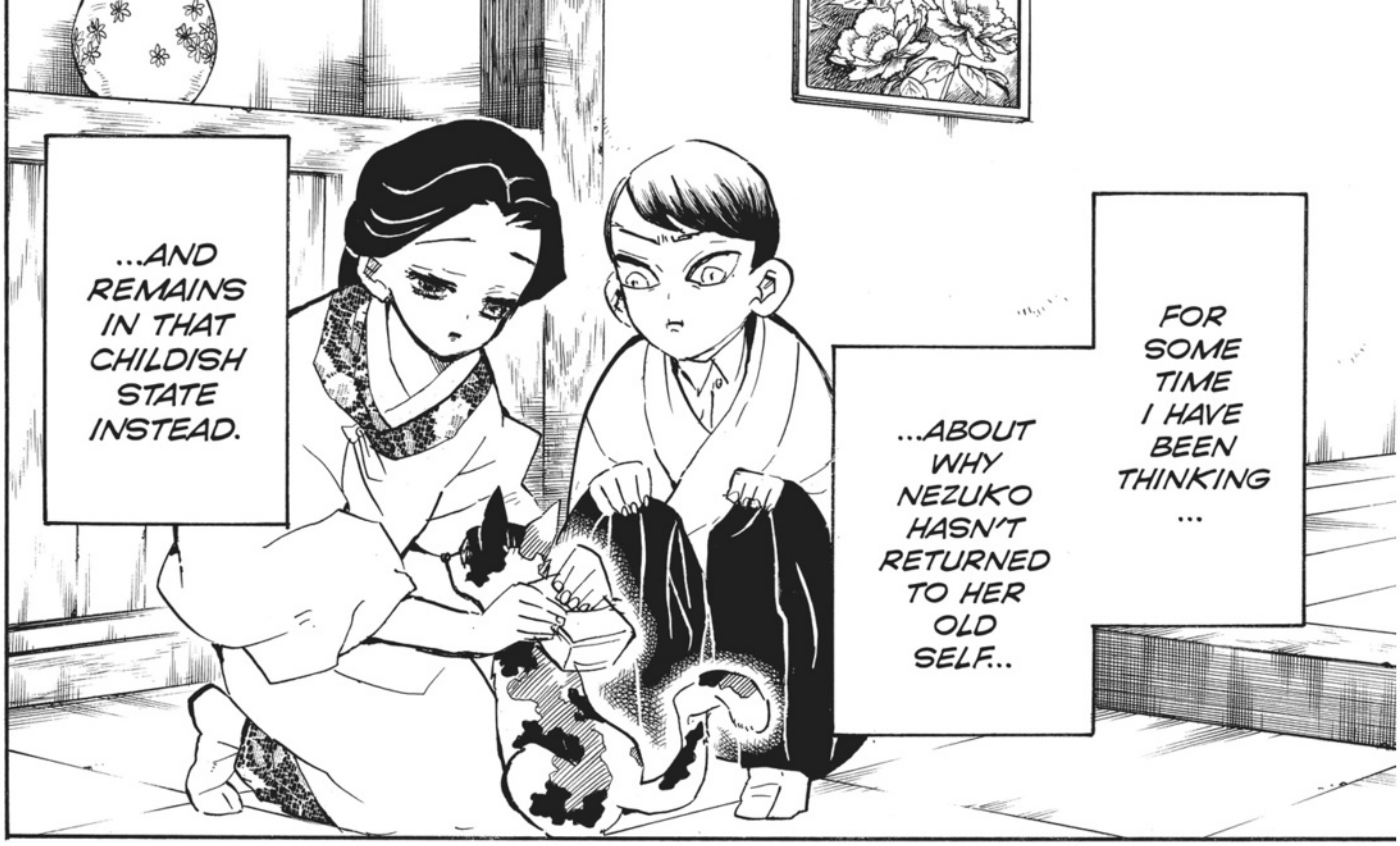
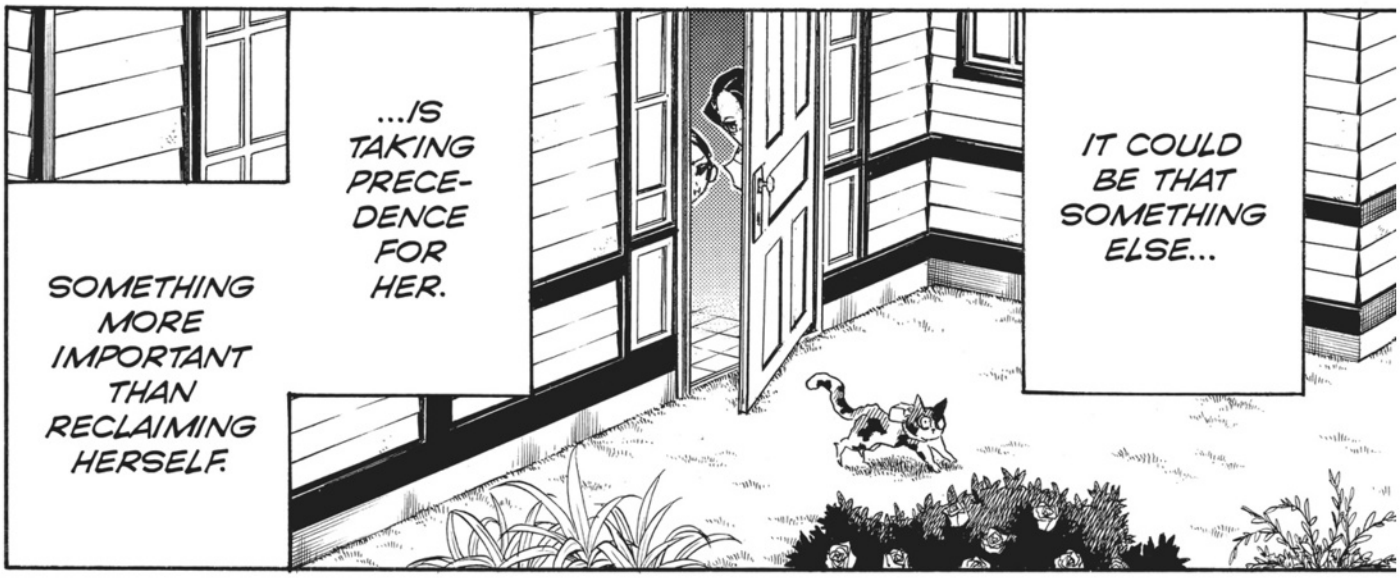
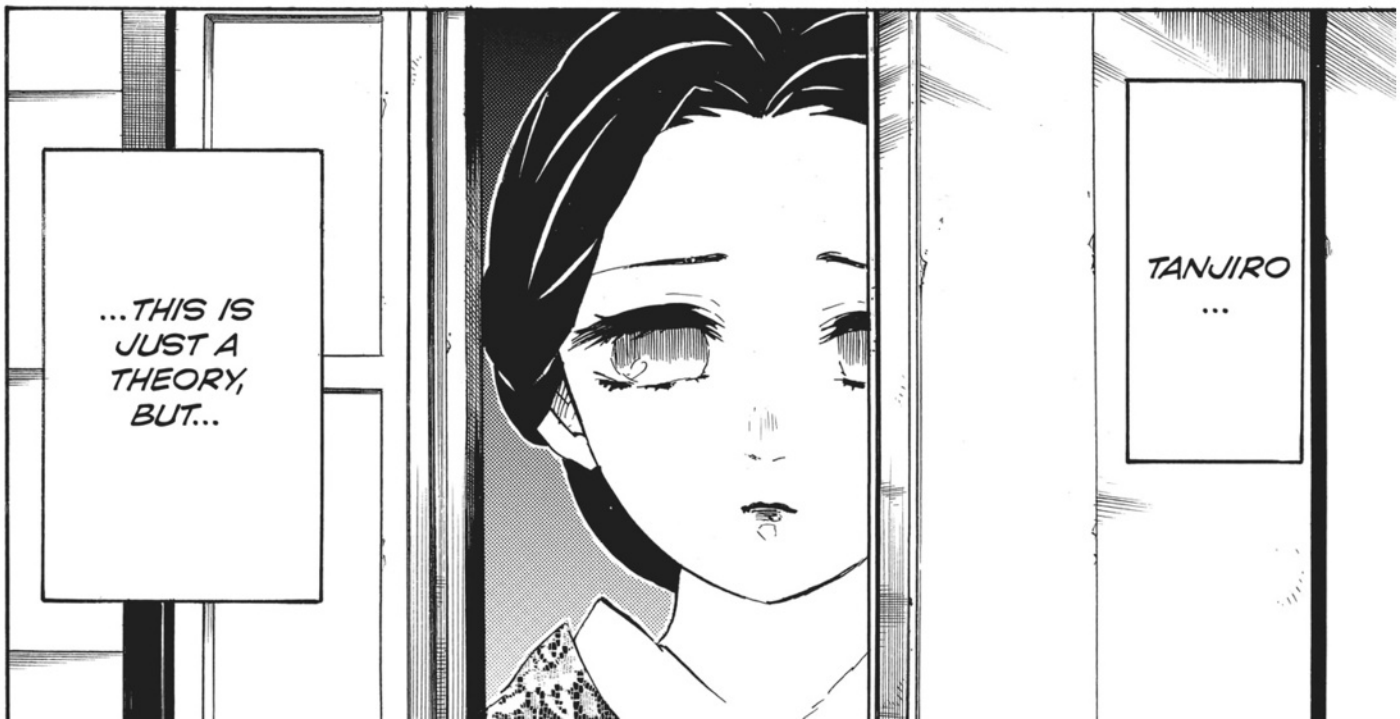


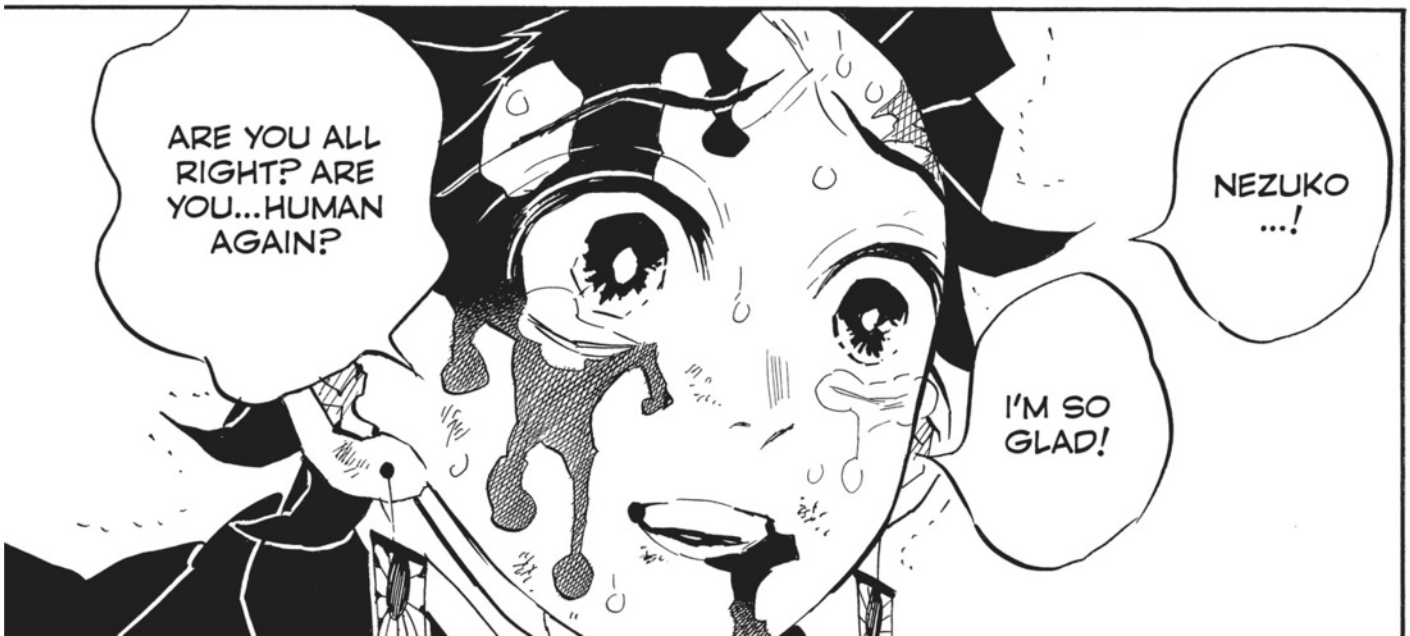

OVER THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THE COMPOSITION OF HER BLOOD HAS REPEATEDLY CHANGED.
THE TRANS-FORMATION IN NEZUKO'S BLOOD SURPRISES ME.


FOR SOME TIME I HAVE BEEN THINKING ...
...ABOUT WHY NEZUKO HASN'T RETURNED TO HER OLD SELF...
...AND REMAINS IN THAT CHILDISH STATE INSTEAD.

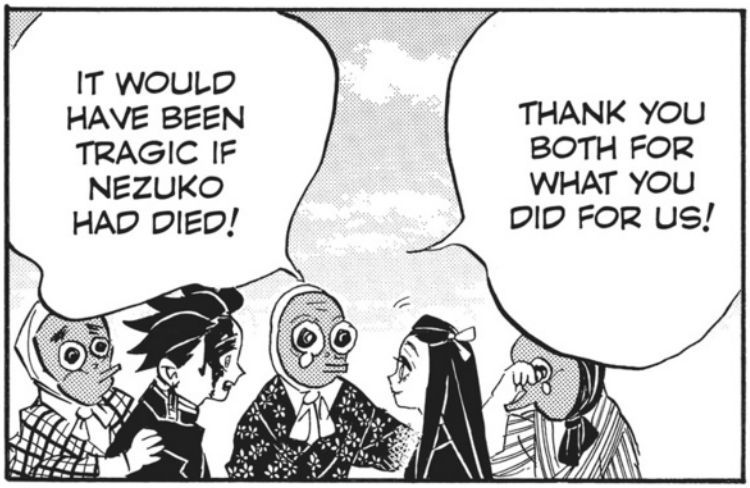

IT COULD BE THAT SOMETHING ELSE...
...IS TAKING PRECE-DENCE FOR HER.
SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN RECLAIMING HERSELF.


TANJIRO ...
...THIS IS JUST A THEORY, BUT...

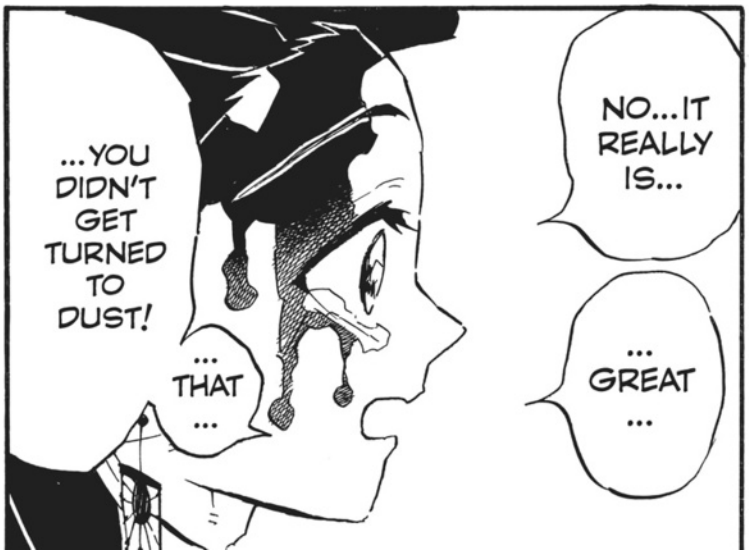
...I THINK NEZUKO MAY SOON BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND SUNLIGHT.

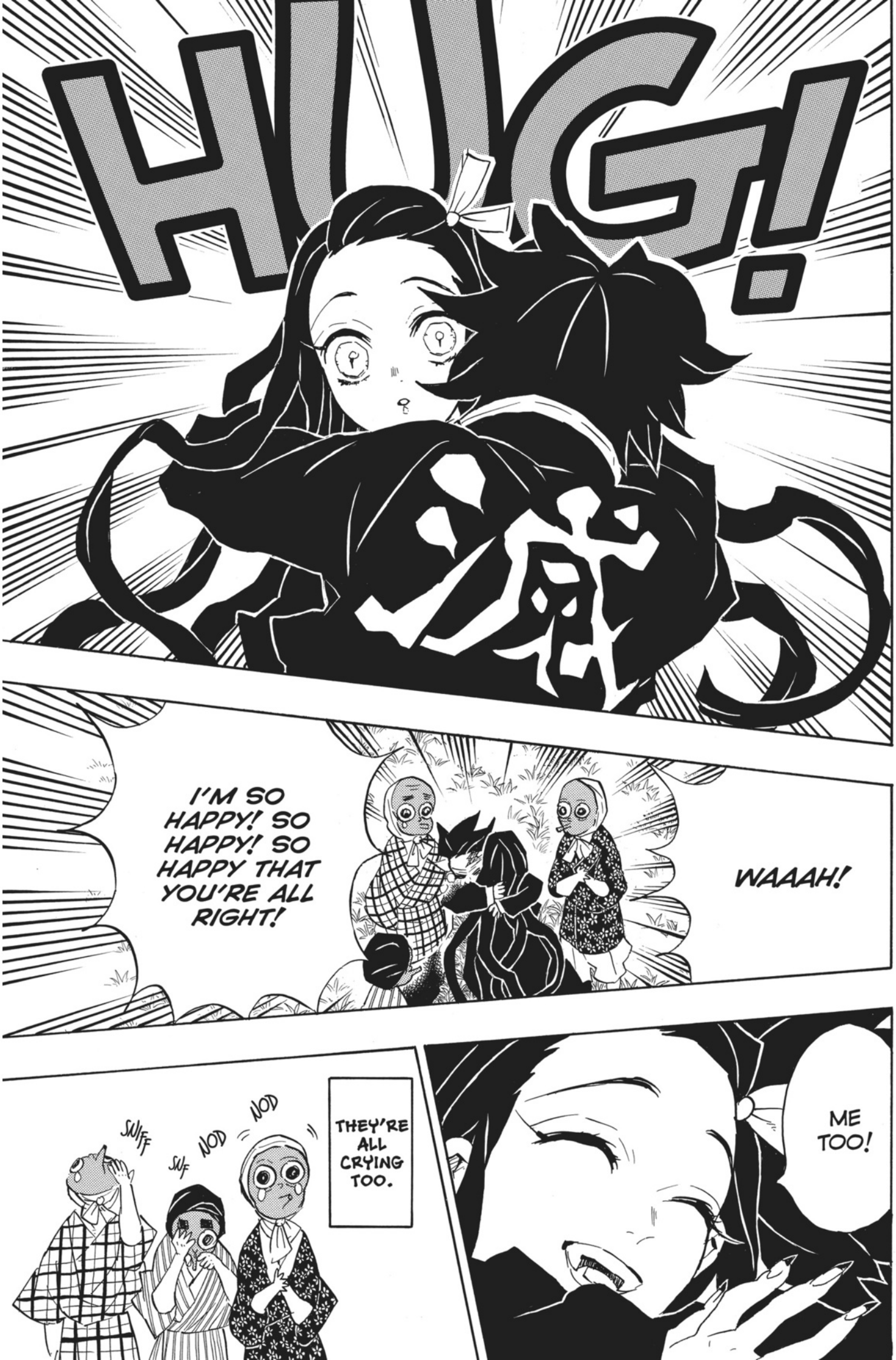

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE YOU...HUMAN AGAIN?
NEZUKO ...!
I'M SO GLAD!

I...
I'M HAPPY.
I...I'M FINE.
I AM...
...HAPPY!


IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TRAGIC IF NEZUKO HAD DIED!
THANK YOU BOTH FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR US!

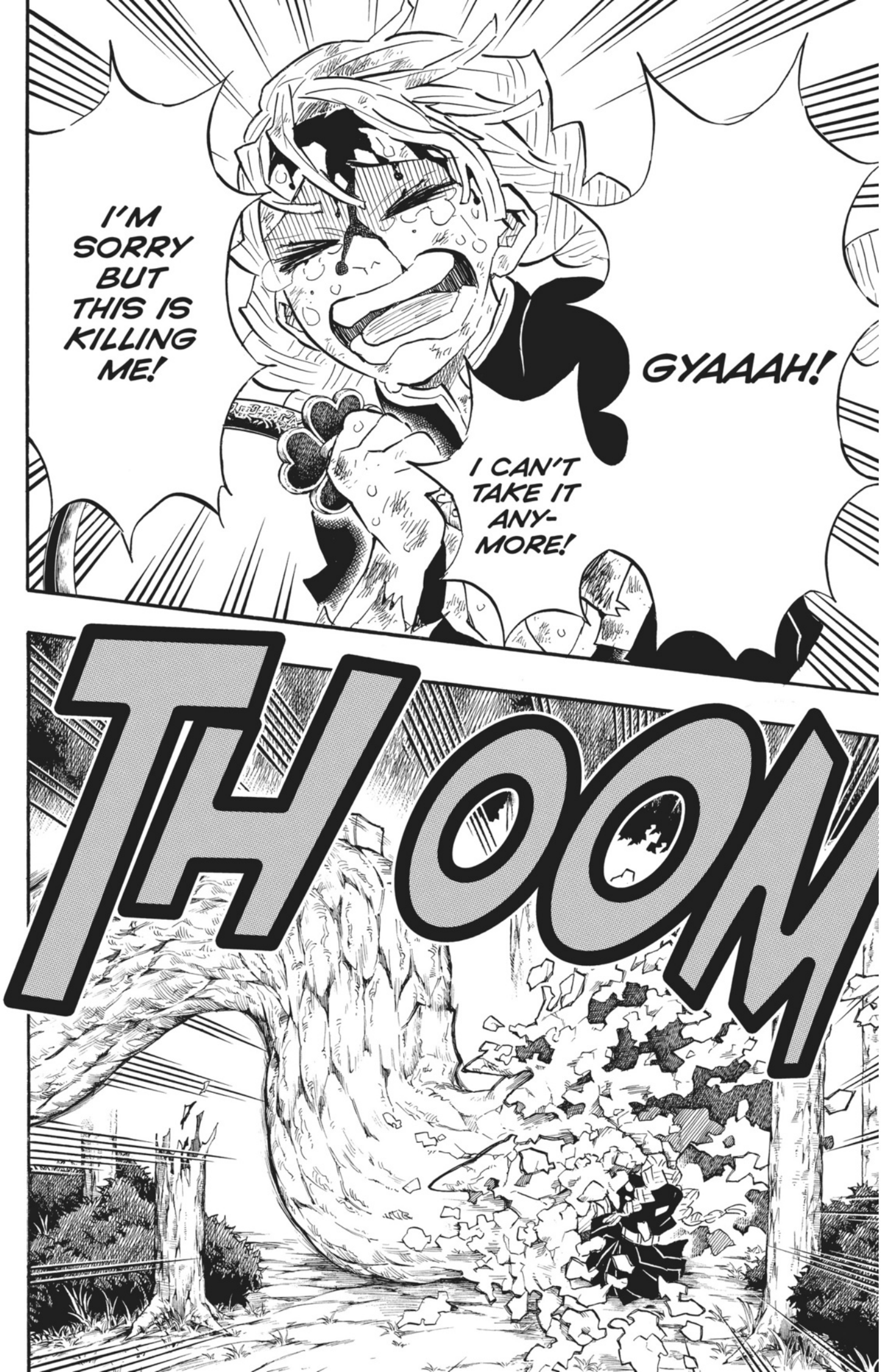
SHE'S TALKING... BUT HER EYES AND FANGS ARE THE SAME!
SHE STILL HASN'T RETURNED TO HUMAN FORM!


...YOU DIDN'T GET TURNED TO DUST!
...THAT...
NO...IT REALLY IS...
...GREAT...

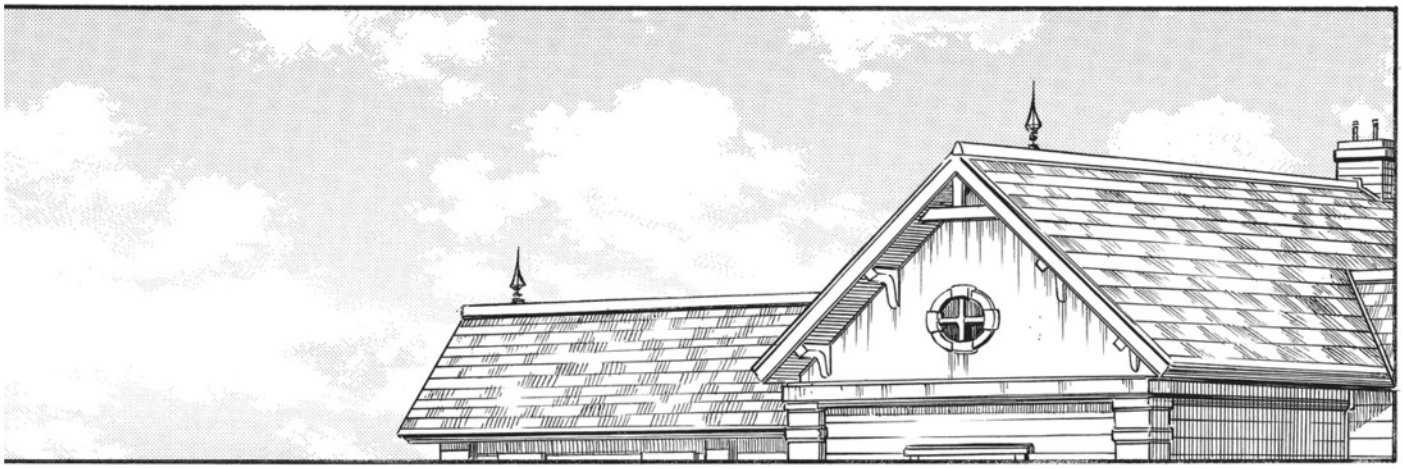

HUG!
I'M SO HAPPY! SO HAPPY! SO HAPPY THAT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
WAAAH!
ME TOO!
THEY'RE ALL CRYING TOO.
SNIFF
SNF
NOD
NOD

...
THAT'S GREAT...
TANJIRO ...
...AND NEZUKO!

HANG IN THERE, KAMADO!
HE'S HAD ENOUGH.
IS HE DEAD?
YOU IDIOT!
WHOAAA!
FWUMP
I'M SO GLAD...


I'M SORRY BUT THIS IS KILLING ME!
GYAAAH!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE!
THOOM

TANJIRO AND THOSE GUYS MUST HAVE CUT THE HEAD OFF THE MAIN BODY!
WHEW! I'M SAVED!
?!
KRK
SPWPH



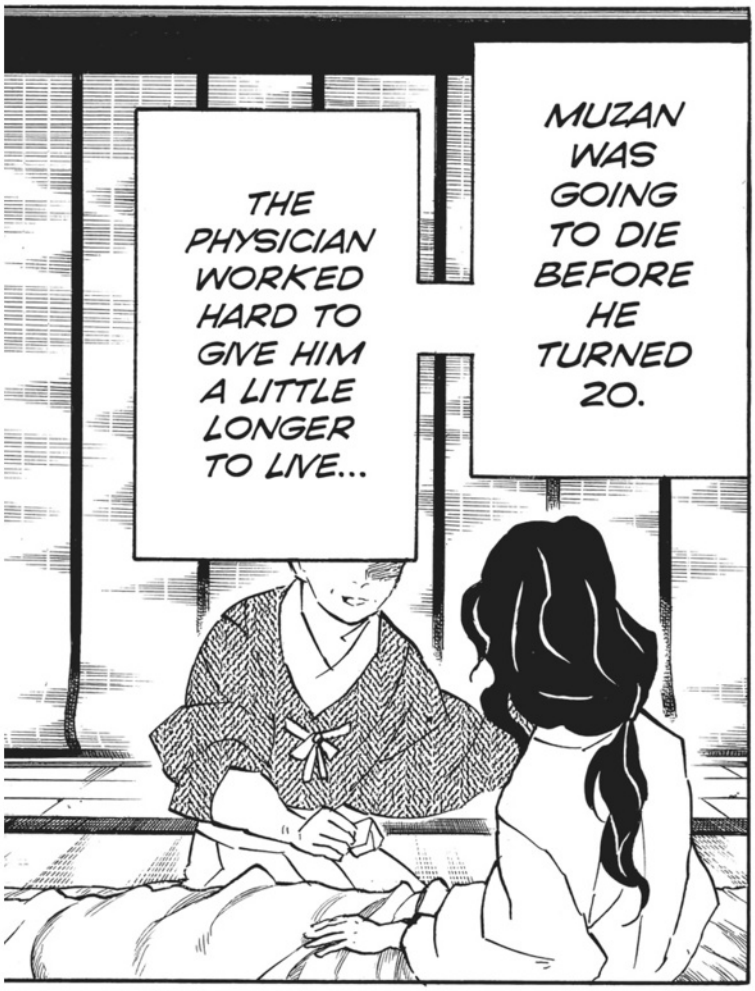
YOU MADE QUITE A MESS!
OH DEAR! WHAT'S WRONG, TOSHIKUNI?

THERE'S FINALLY ONE WHO HAS OVERCOME THE SUN!
GOOD WORK, HANTENGU!
SPLORT
... HUH?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT A BOOK YOU—
SHK
WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

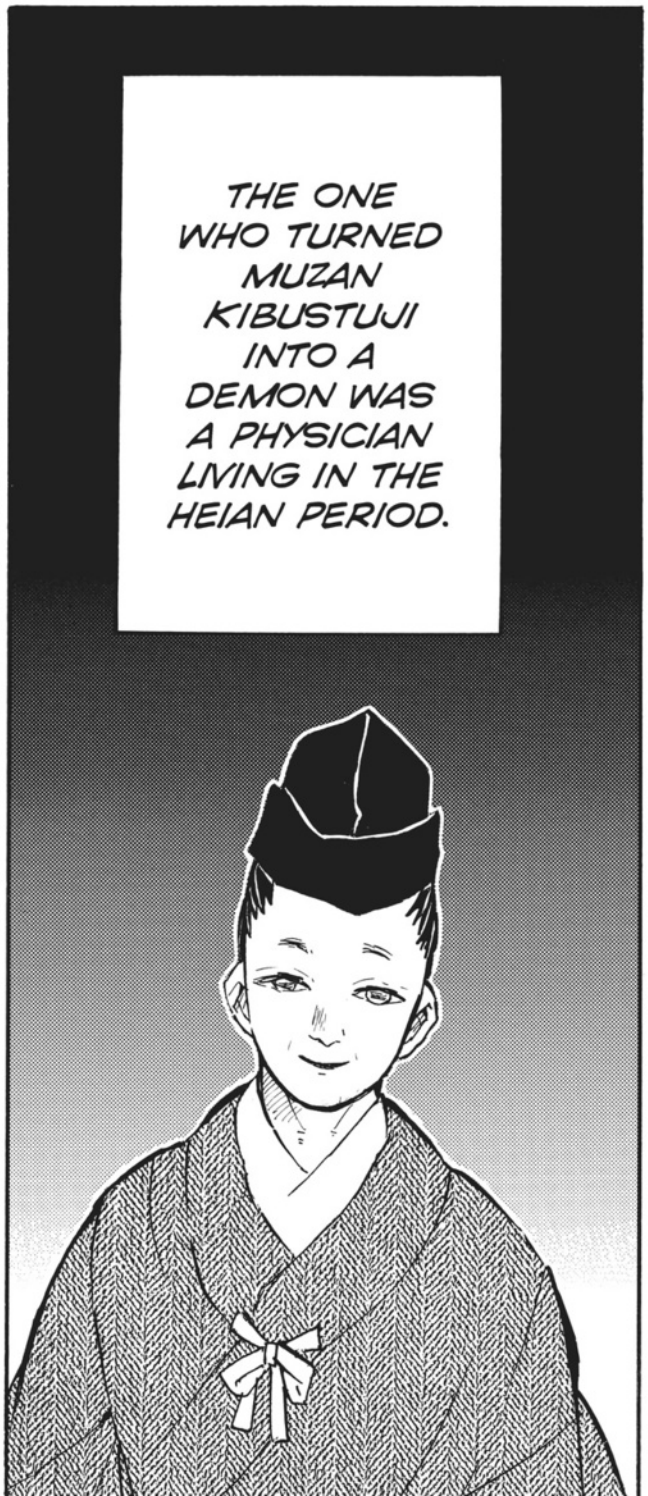
HUH?
MA'AM?
WHAT...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HEAD?
...HUH?
I NO LONGER NEED TO SEARCH FOR THE BLUE SPIDER LILY!
MWA HA HA!
IT TOOK SO LONG BUT THIS IS IT! THIS IS WHY...
...FOR A THOU-SAND YEARS...
...I'VE BEEN CREATING DEMONS, EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T WANT TO!
SNK
POP
BULGE
BWUP
KRAK
IT'S A RARE CONDITION THAT NEVER EVEN APPEARED IN THE 12 KIZUKI!
THE CHOSEN DEMON!

I CAN CONQUER THE SUN TOO...IF I INGEST THAT GIRL!
MURDERER! MONSTER! MONSTER!
MASTER!
AAAH!

SLASH

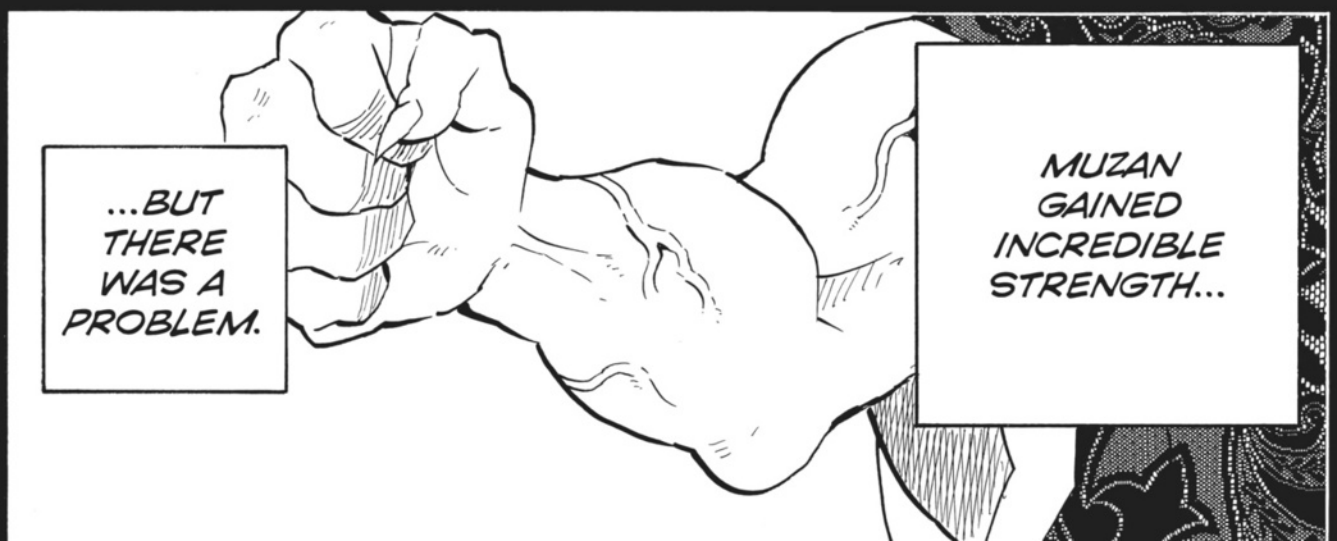

THE PHYSICIAN WORKED HARD TO GIVE HIM A LITTLE LONGER TO LIVE...
MUZAN WAS GOING TO DIE BEFORE HE TURNED 20.

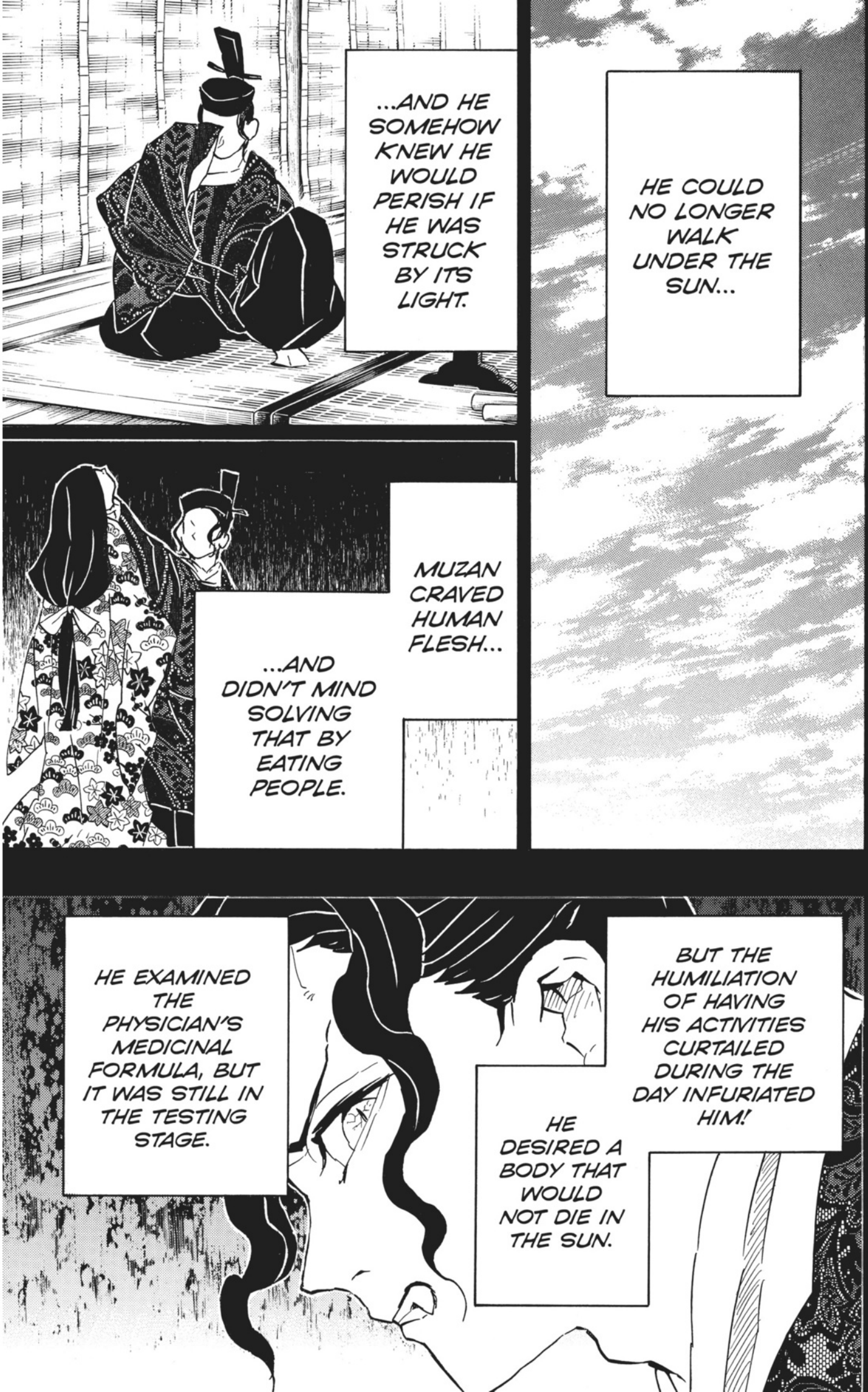
...BUT EVEN SO, MUZAN FLEW INTO A RAGE OVER HIS WORSENING CONDITION...

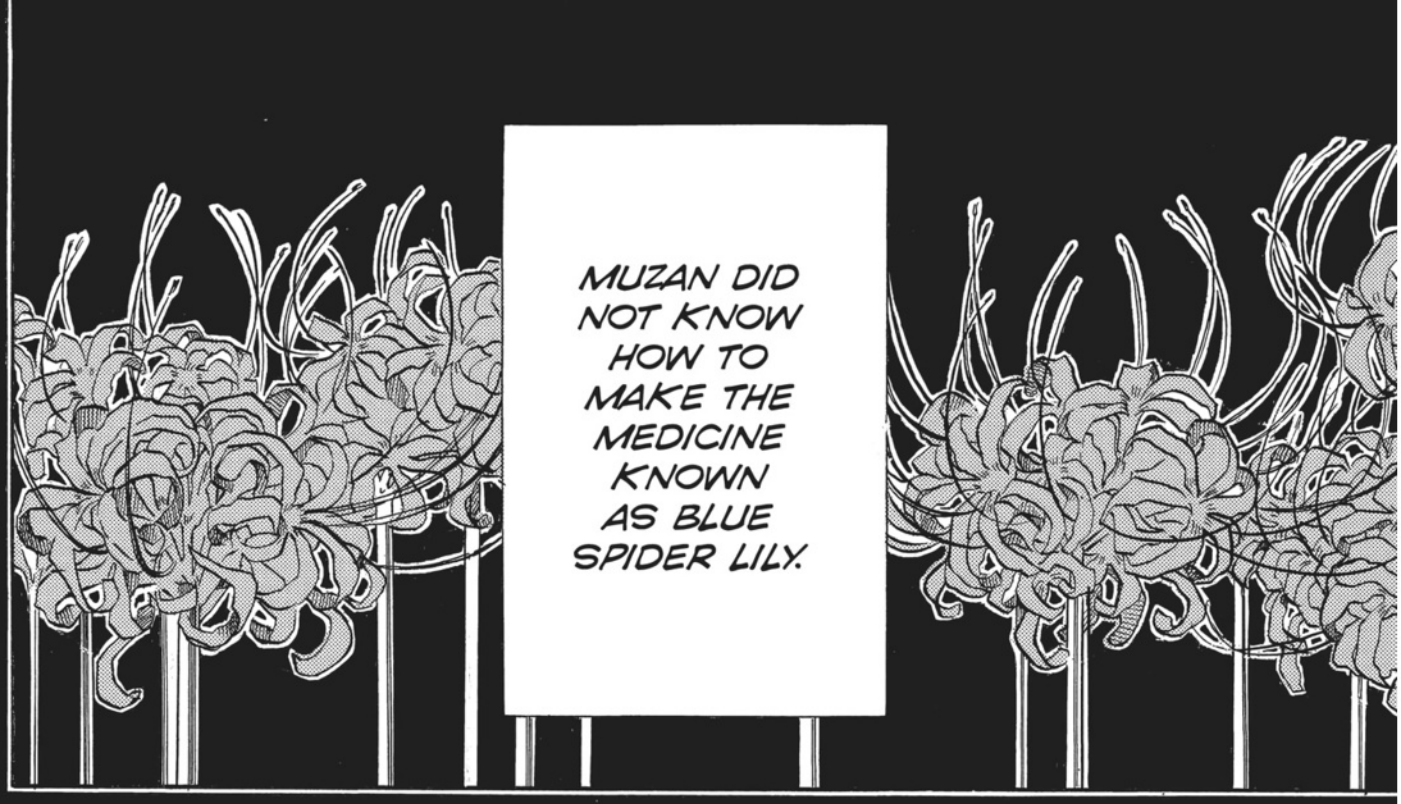

THE ONE WHO TURNED MUZAN KIBUSTUJI INTO A DEMON WAS A PHYSICIAN LIVING IN THE HEIAN PERIOD.

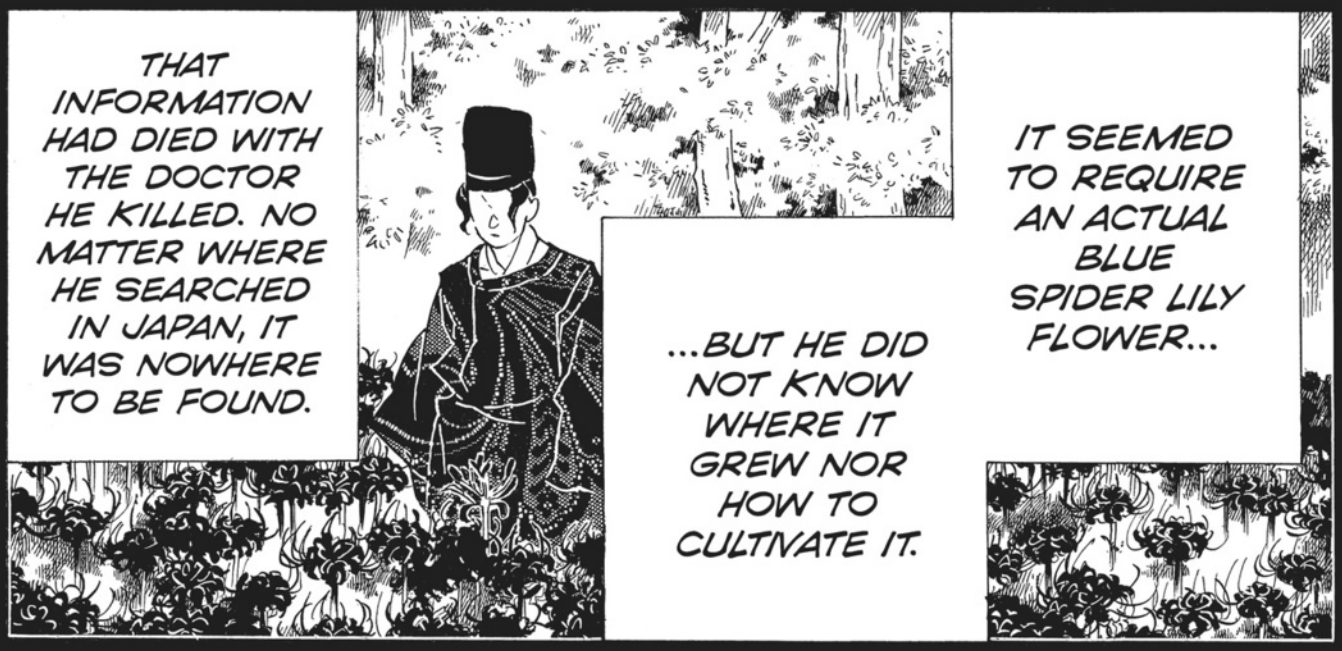
...AND KILLED HIM.

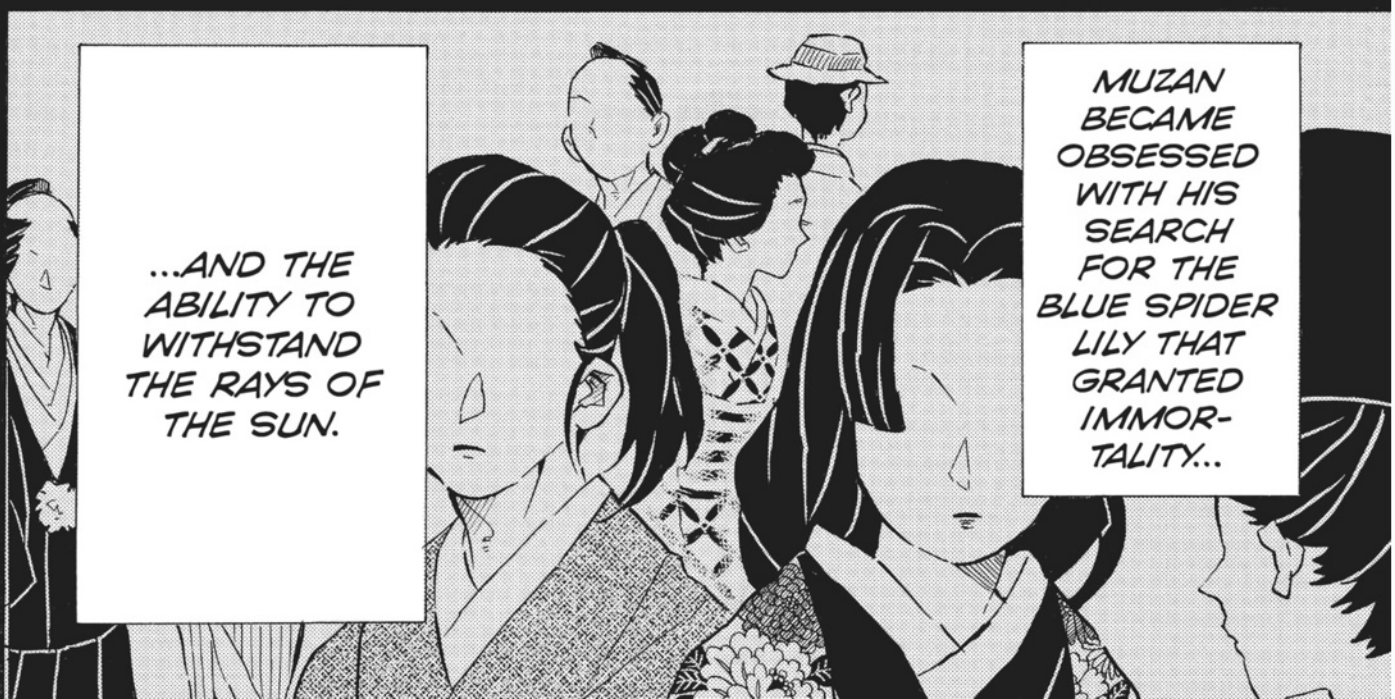
... BECAUSE A CHANGE OCCURRED AT THE MOMENT OF THE MURDER.
HOWEVER, HE DISCOVERED THAT THE DOCTOR'S MEDICINE WAS HAVING AN EFFECT...


...BUT THERE WAS A PROBLEM.
MUZAN GAINED INCREDIBLE STRENGTH...


...AND HE SOMEHOW KNEW HE WOULD PERISH IF HE WAS STRUCK BY ITS LIGHT.
HE COULD NO LONGER WALK UNDER THE SUN...
MUZAN CRAVED HUMAN FLESH...
...AND DIDN'T MIND SOLVING THAT BY EATING PEOPLE.
HE EXAMINED THE PHYSICIAN'S MEDICINAL FORMULA, BUT IT WAS STILL IN THE TESTING STAGE.
BUT THE HUMILIATION OF HAVING HIS ACTIVITIES CURTAILED DURING THE DAY INFURIATED HIM!
HE DESIRED A BODY THAT WOULD NOT DIE IN THE SUN.


MUZAN DID NOT KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE MEDICINE KNOWN AS BLUE SPIDER LILY.

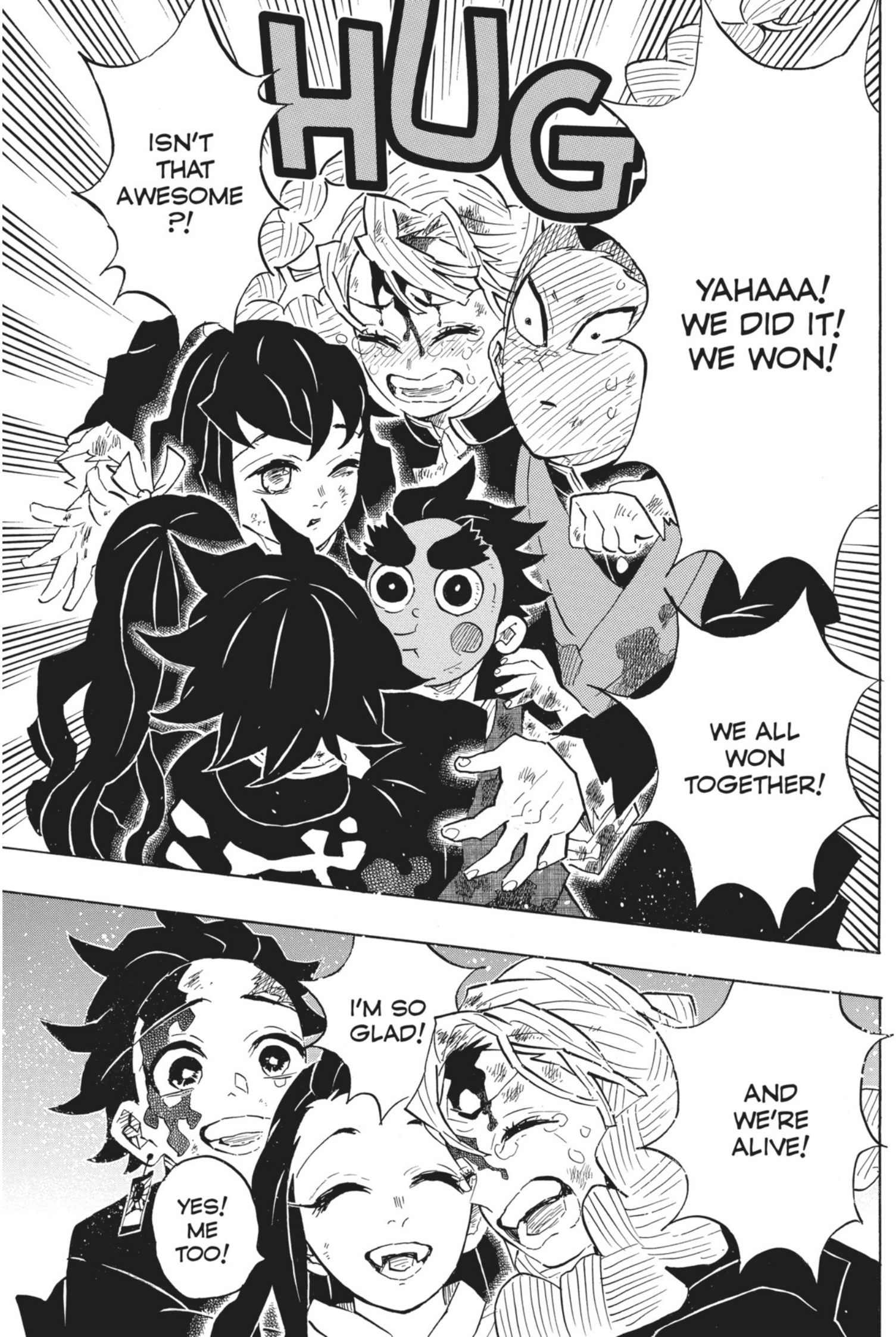

THAT INFORMATION HAD DIED WITH THE DOCTOR HE KILLED. NO MATTER WHERE HE SEARCHED IN JAPAN, IT WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
...BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE IT GREW NOR HOW TO CULTIVATE IT.
IT SEEMED TO REQUIRE AN ACTUAL BLUE SPIDER LILY FLOWER...


...AND THE ABILITY TO WITHSTAND THE RAYS OF THE SUN.
MUZAN BECAME OBSESSED WITH HIS SEARCH FOR THE BLUE SPIDER LILY THAT GRANTED IMMORTALITY...

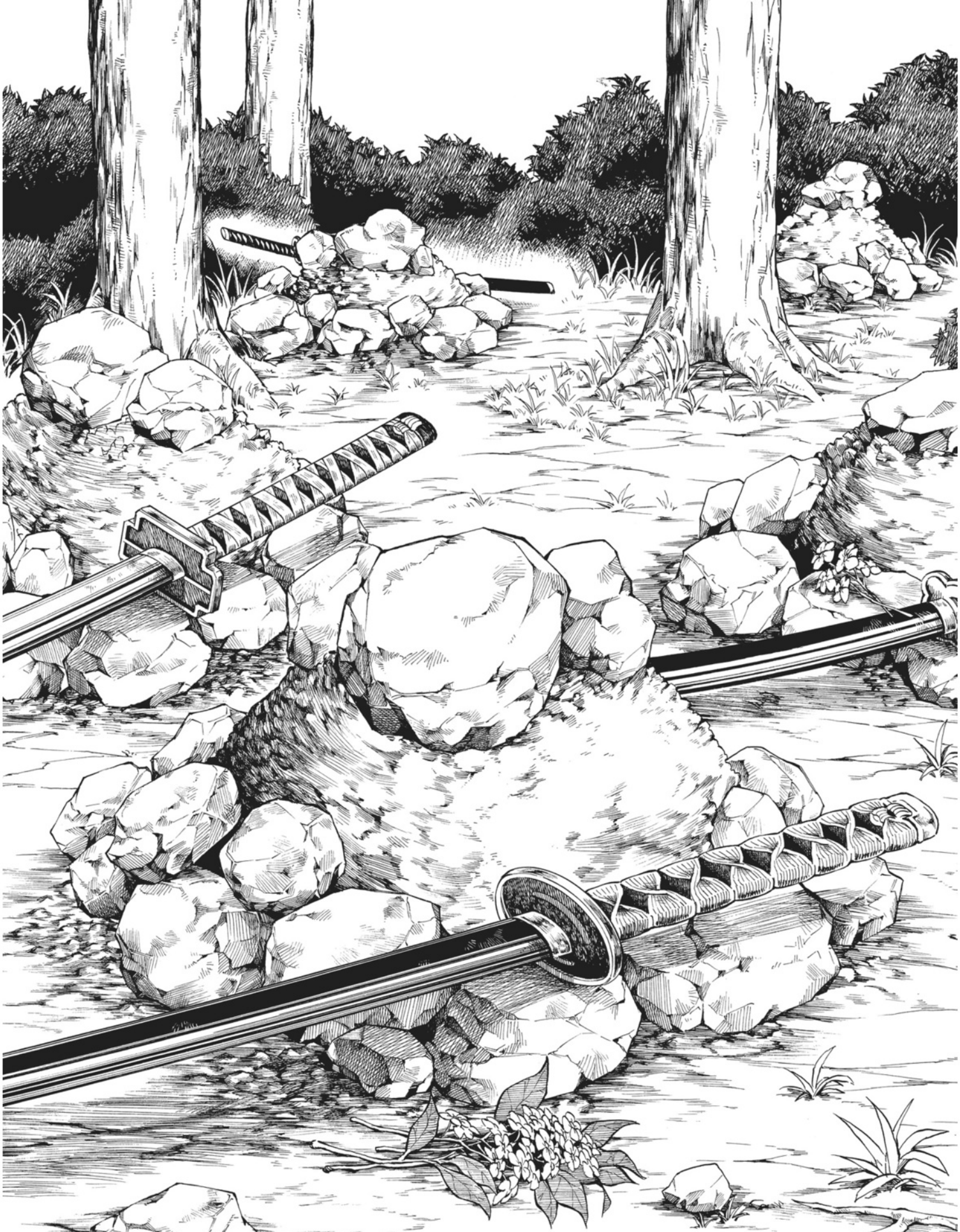
NOW THAT NEZUKO HAS CONQUERED THE SUN...

...I FORESEE A MASSIVE BATTLE...
...WITH HER AT ITS CENTER.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TANJIRO?
OH... UH... TOKITO...
I'M GLAD... YOU'RE OKAY.
THANKS ...FOR THE SWORD.
PAT PAT
THANK YOU TOO.
THANKS TO YOU, I GOT BACK SOMETHING IMPOR-TANT.
HUH? NO...
...I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.
TRMPMPTRMP
Hey, every-body! Hey!
WELL, ABOUT THAT...
BUT HOW IS NEZUKO?
GACK
GUUUYS!


HUG
ISN'T THAT AWESOME?!
YAHAAA! WE DID IT! WE WON!
WE ALL WON TOGETHER!
I'M SO GLAD!
AND WE'RE ALIVE!
YES! ME TOO!

Genya used to punch girls.
But now that he's reached puberty, he's started getting nervous around them.
Sorry.
No problem.



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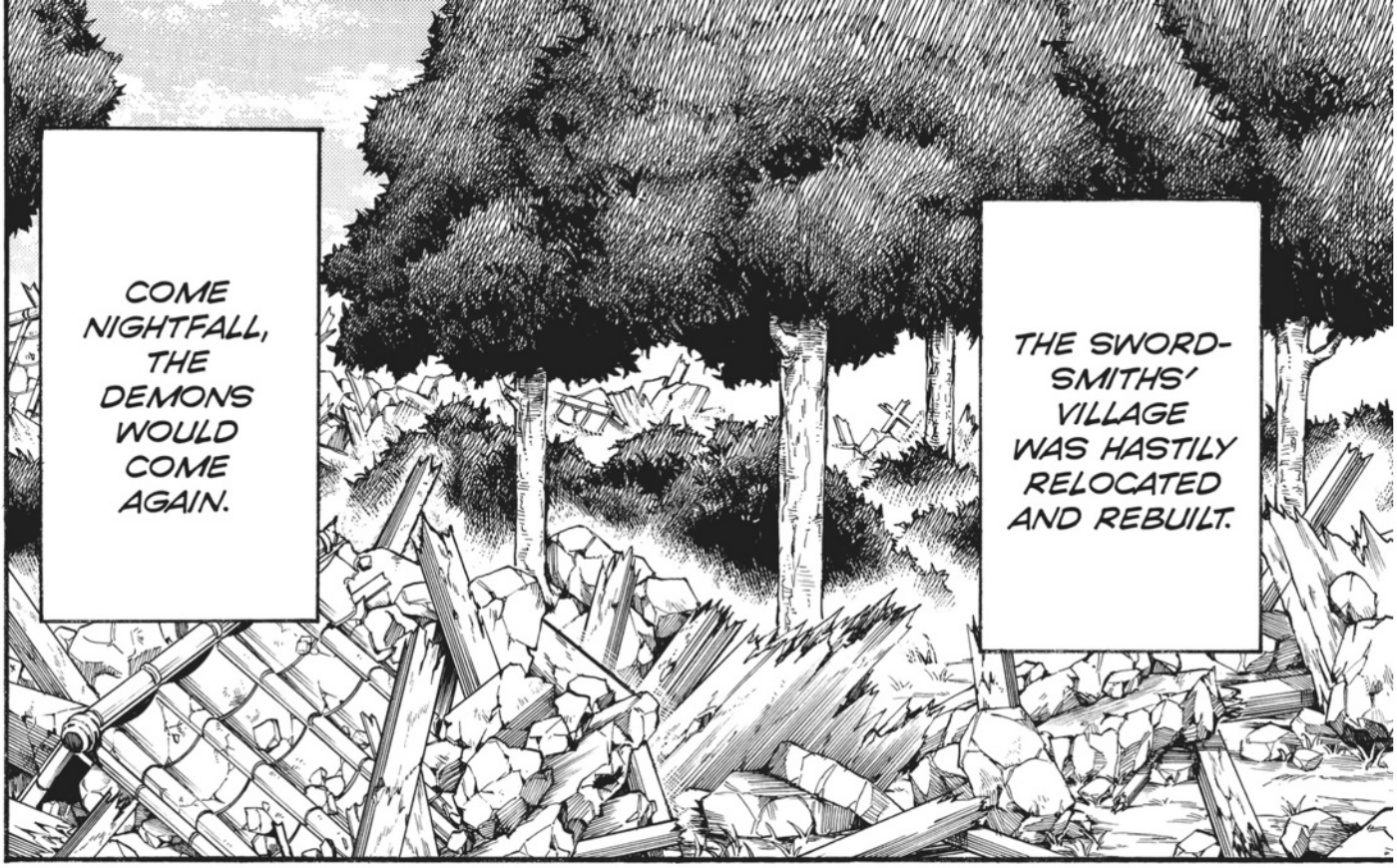
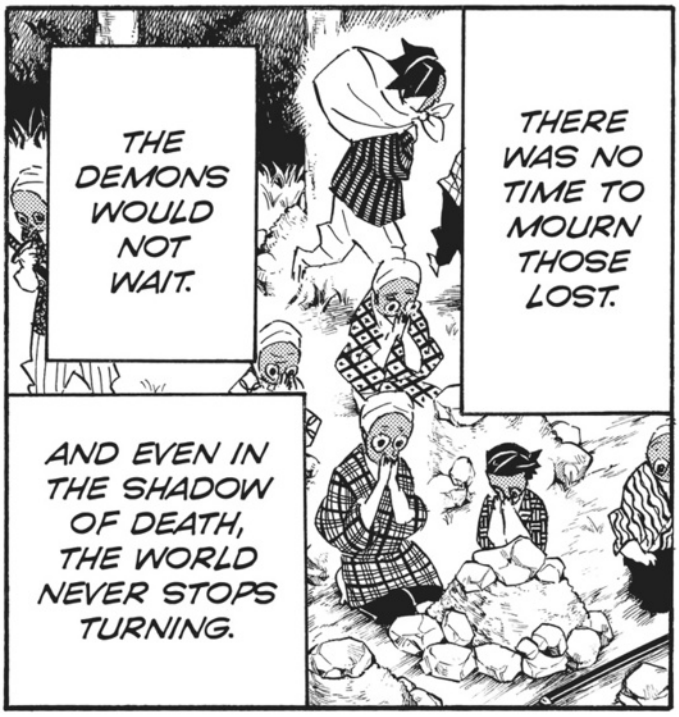
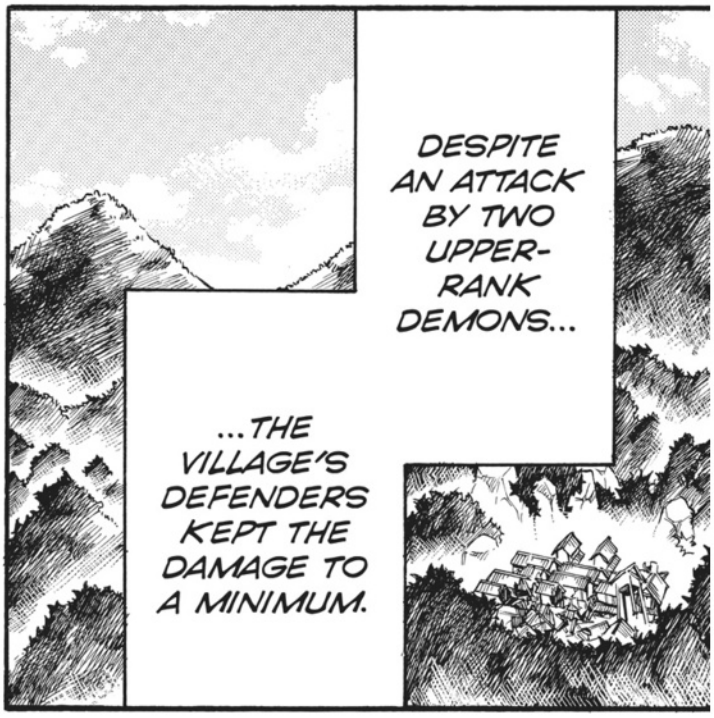
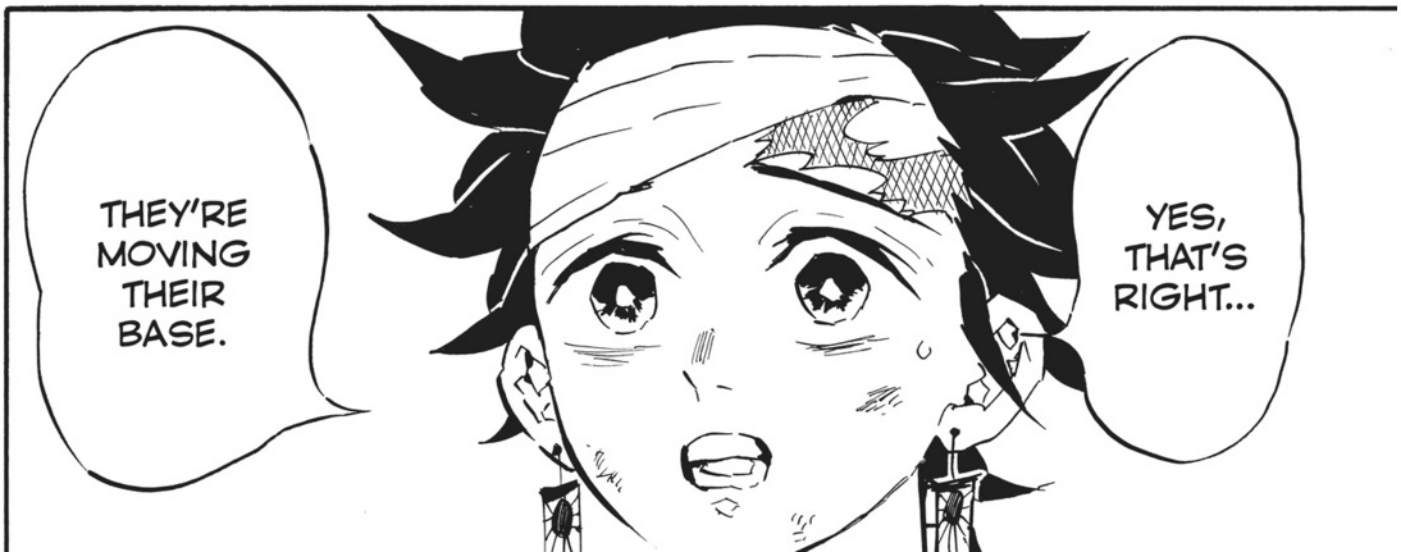
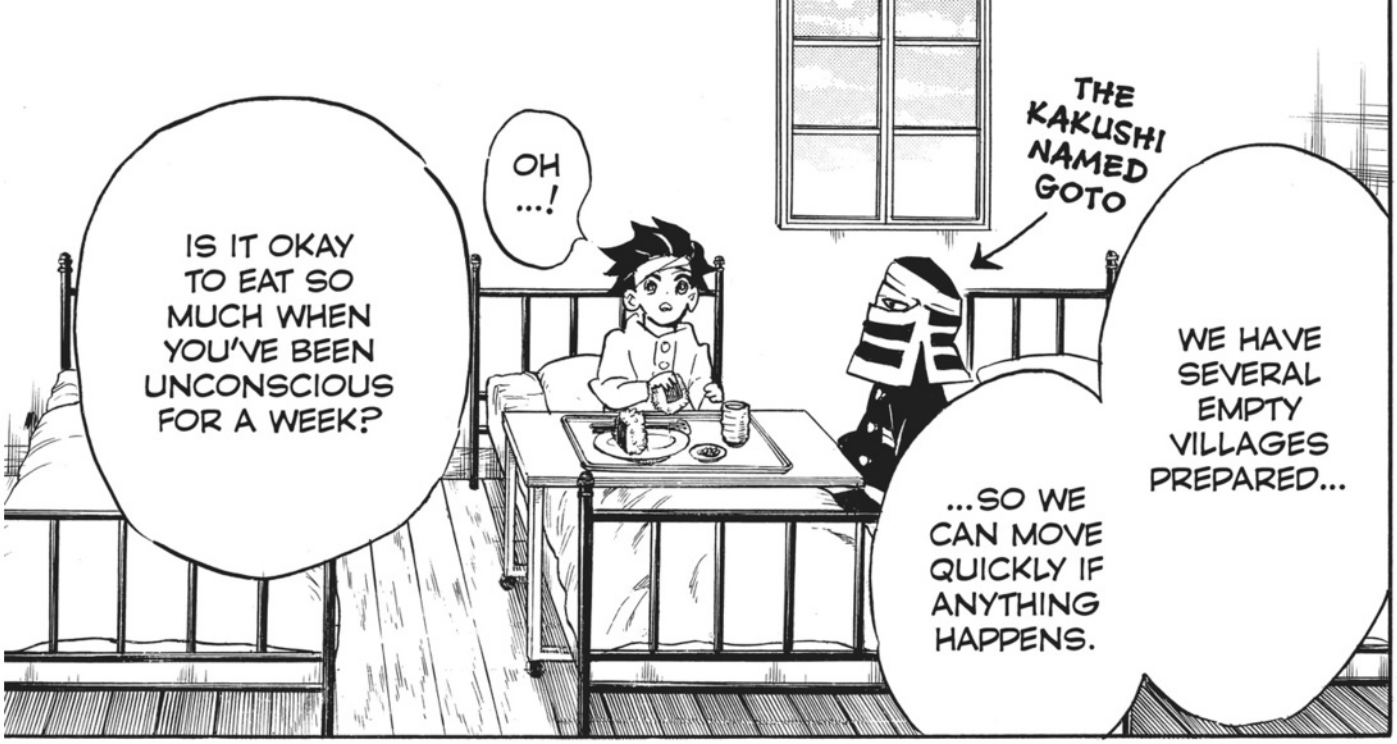

COME NIGHTFALL, THE DEMONS WOULD COME AGAIN.
THE SWORD-SMITHS' VILLAGE WAS HASTILY RELOCATED AND REBUILT.


THE DEMONS WOULD NOT WAIT.
THERE WAS NO TIME TO MOURN THOSE LOST.
AND EVEN IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH, THE WORLD NEVER STOPS TURNING.


DESPITE AN ATTACK BY TWO UPPER-RANK DEMONS...
...THE VILLAGE'S DEFENDERS KEPT THE DAMAGE TO A MINIMUM.

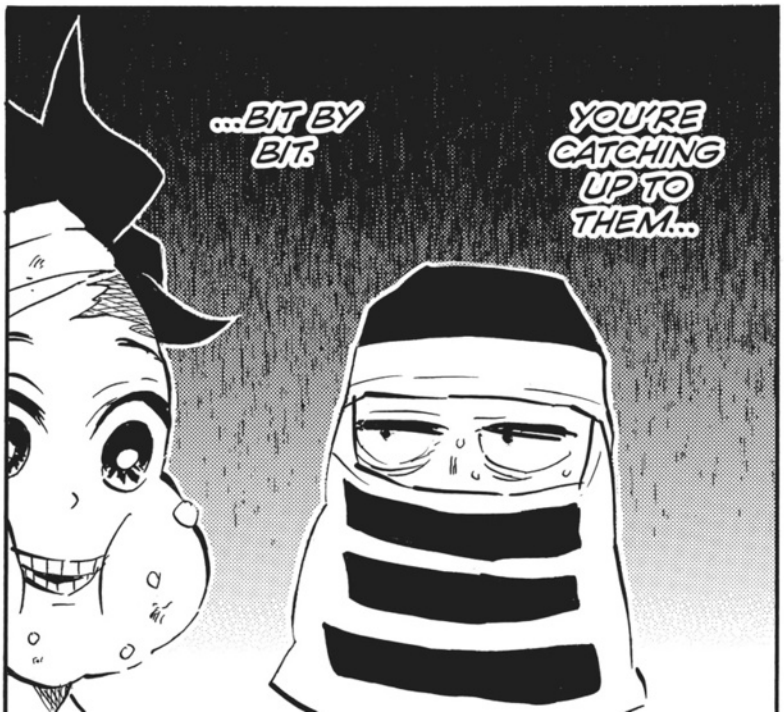

THEY'RE MOVING THEIR BASE.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT...


IS IT OKAY TO EAT SO MUCH WHEN YOU'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS FOR A WEEK?
OH ...!
THE KAKUSHI NAMED GOTO
WE HAVE SEVERAL EMPTY VILLAGES PREPARED...
...SO WE CAN MOVE QUICKLY IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.

I HEARD THE HASHIRA OF LOVE AND MIST SLEPT FOR TWO DAYS AND WERE ALMOST COMPLETELY RECOVERED BY THE THIRD.
YEAH!
IMPRES-SIVE, HUH?
NOM
NOM
NOM
NOM
NOM
NOM
NOM

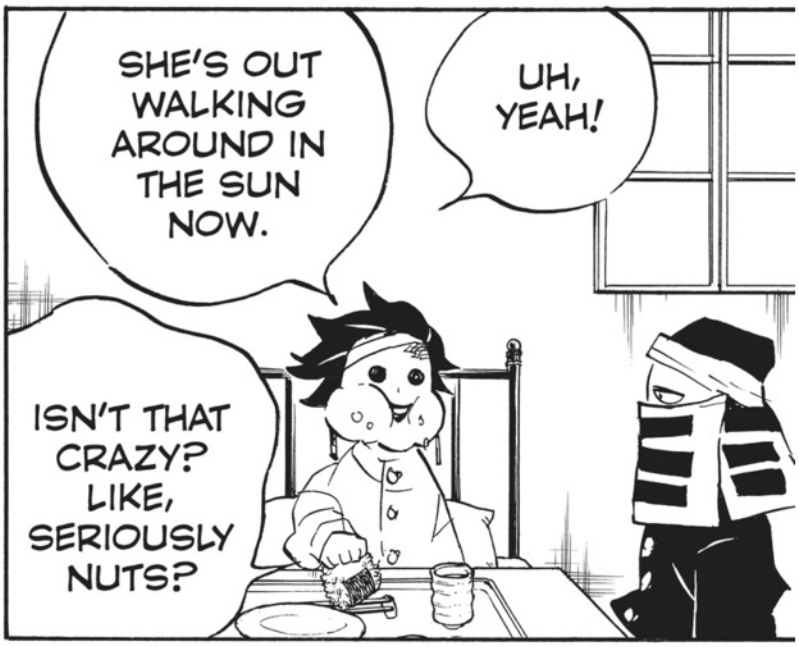
YEAH, BUT SHE'S A LITTLE *WEIRD*.
UH-HUH!
KANROJI SAID SHE EATS A LOT TOO!

ANYWAY, IF IT HELPS YOU HEAL FASTER, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
HUH?
NOM
NOM
I'M JUST GLAD EVERYONE IS ALIVE.


...BIT BY BIT.
YOU'RE CATCHING UP TO THEM...

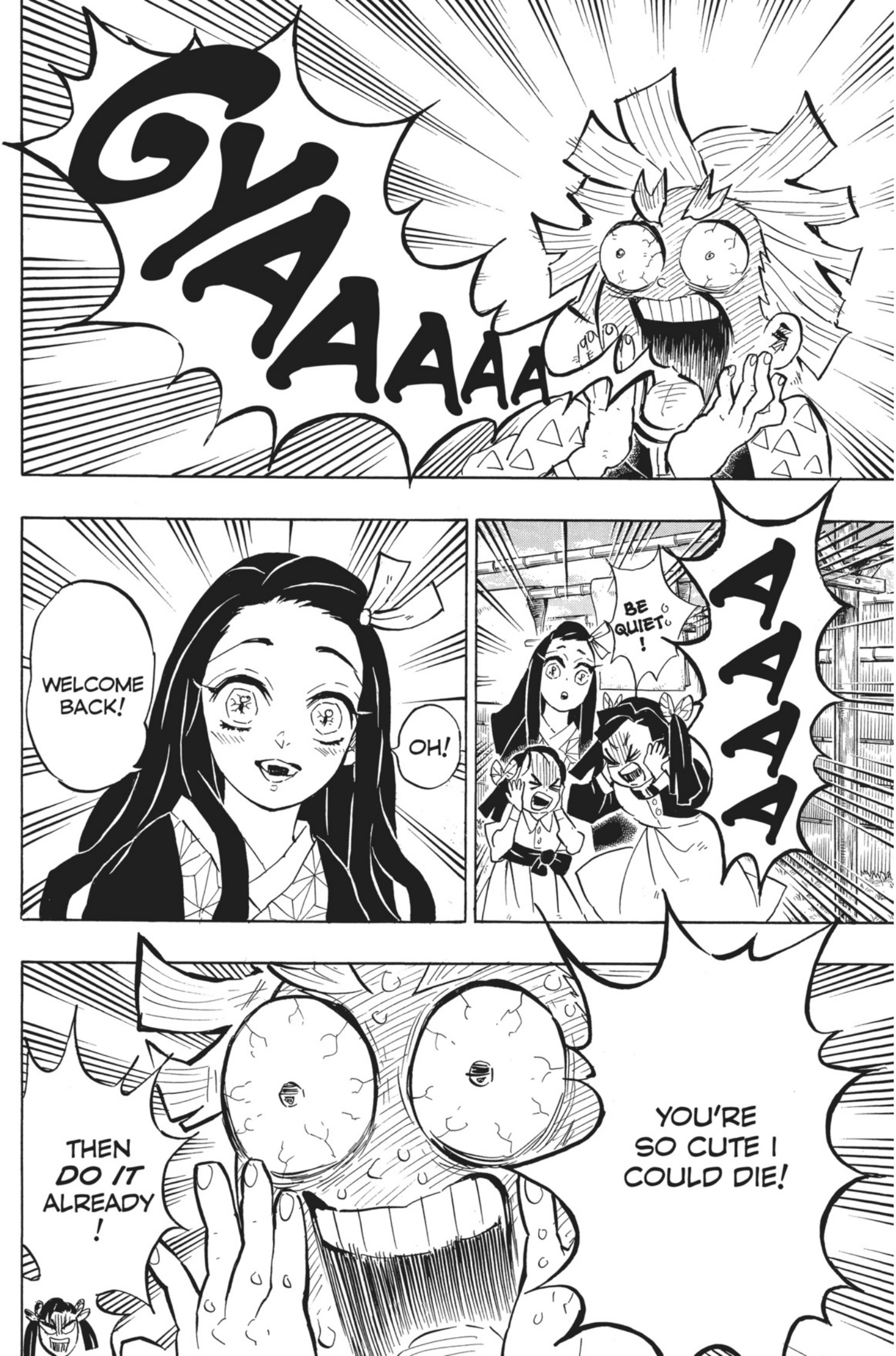
I HEARD SOMETHING INCREDIBLE HAPPENED TO YOUR SISTER. IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
AH!
BUT THIS IS WHAT I WANTED TO ASK THE MOST ...!

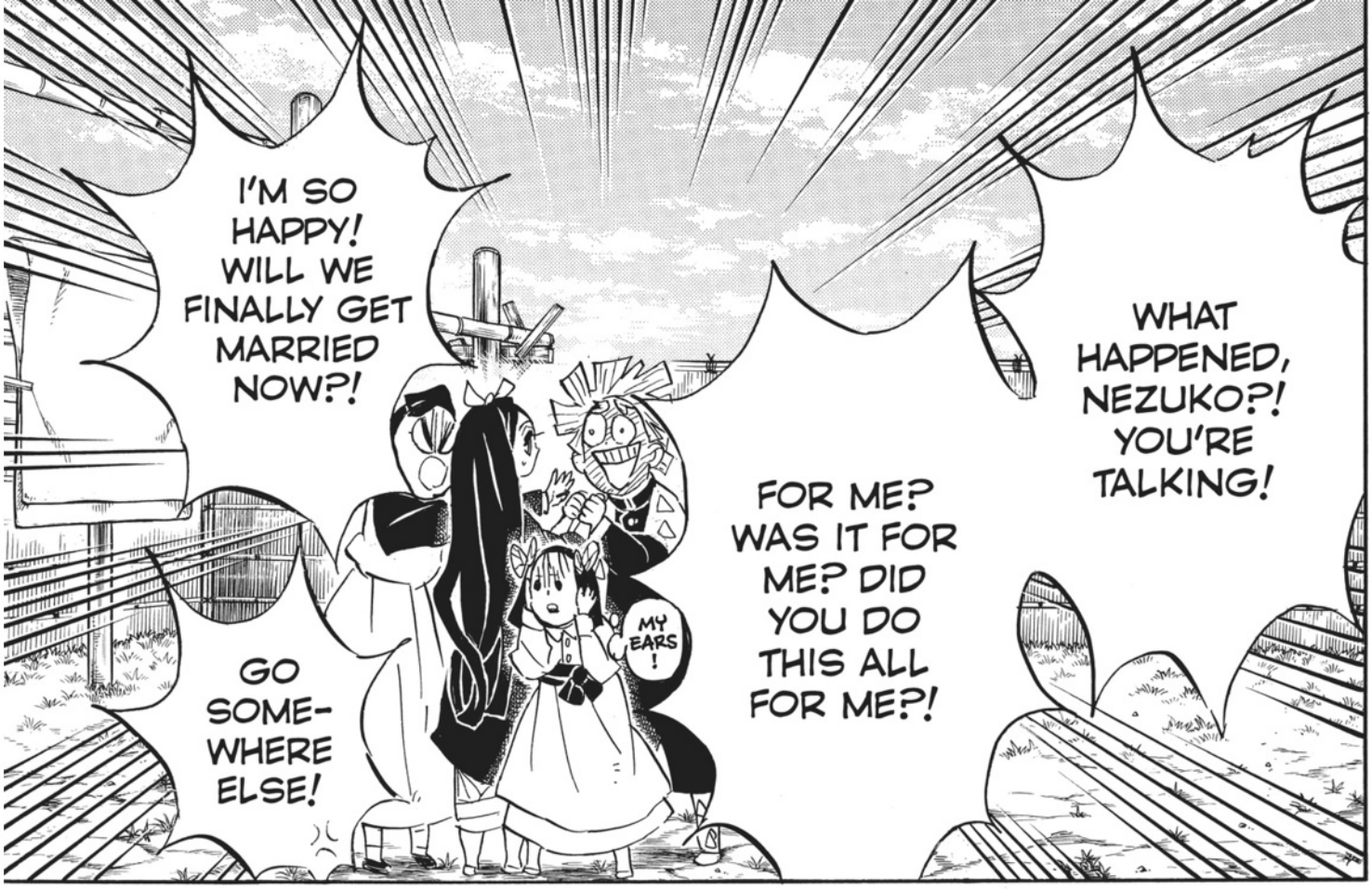
WHAT'S HER CONDI-TION?
WHAT WILL BECOME OF HER NOW?

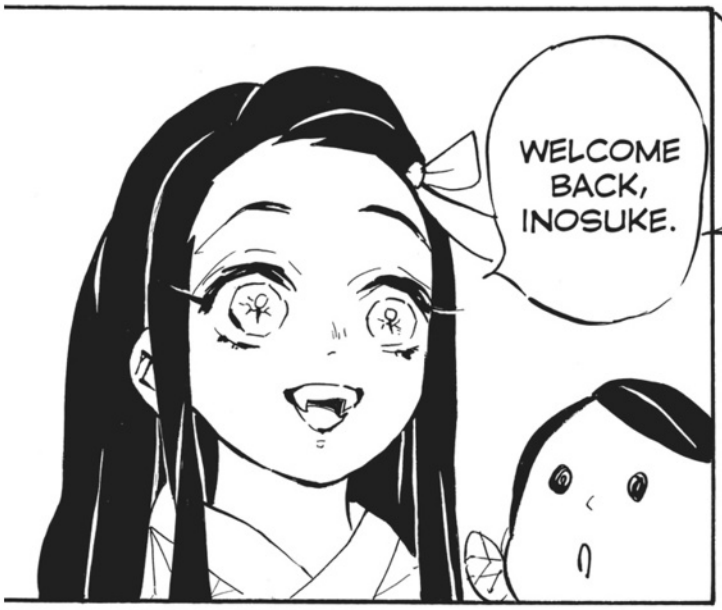

UH, YEAH!
SHE'S OUT WALKING AROUND IN THE SUN NOW.
ISN'T THAT CRAZY? LIKE, SERIOUSLY NUTS?

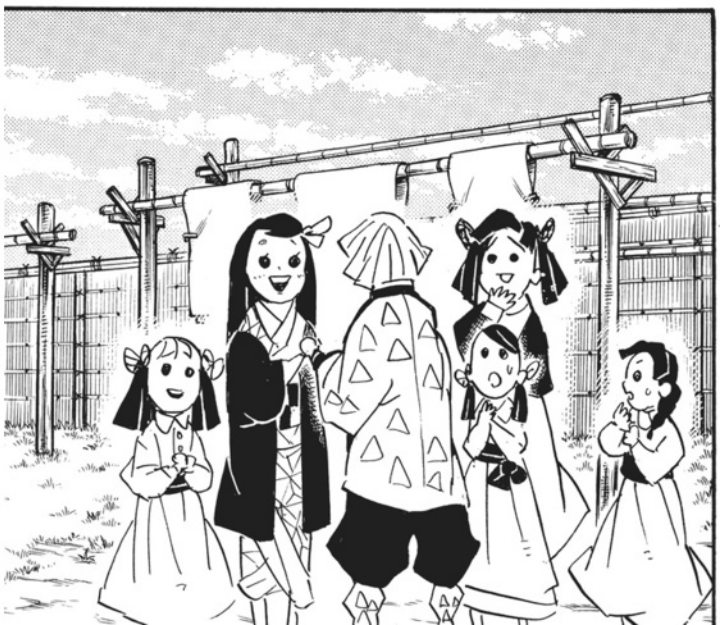
...WHETHER SHE'S RETURNING TO HUMAN FORM OR EVOLVING AS A DEMON.
THEY'RE EXAMINING HER, BUT THEY STILL DON'T KNOW...

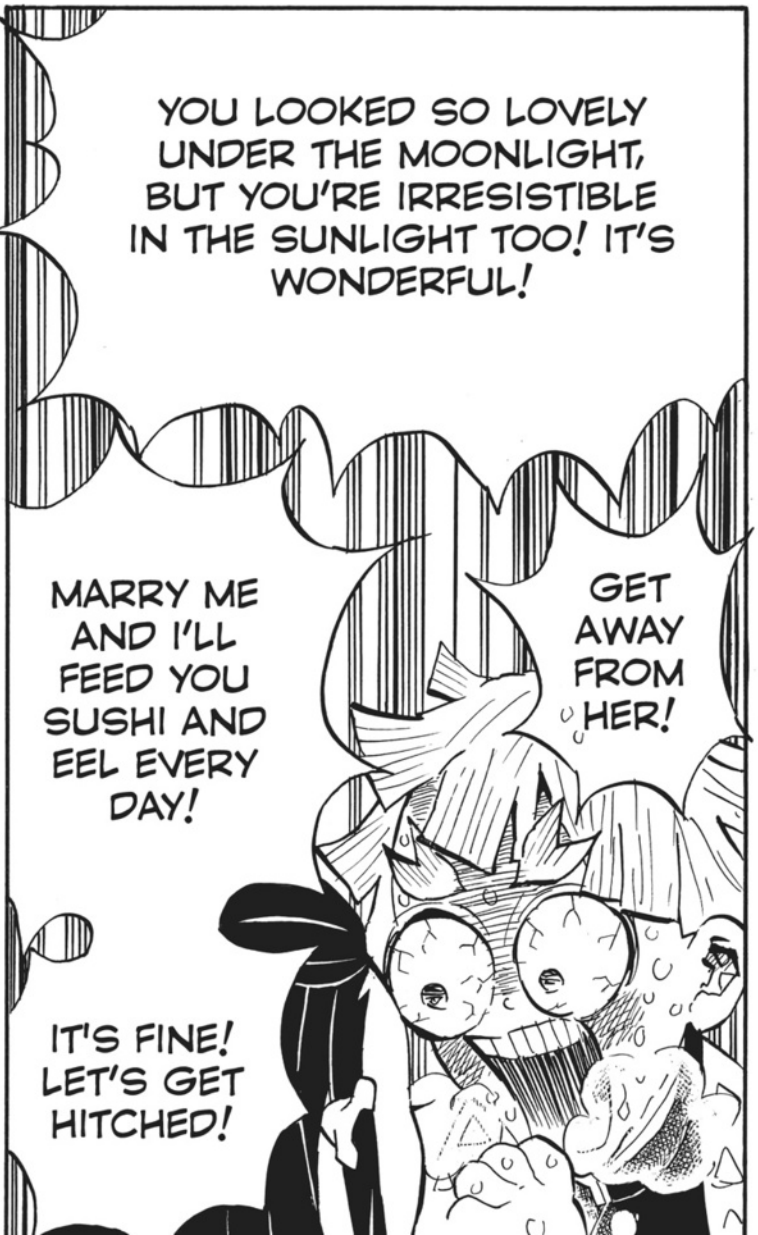
KOFF
WHO'S TAMAYO?
NO, TAMAYO IS.
LADY KOCHO IS LOOKING INTO IT?
ANYWAY, WHERE ARE THE THREE SHRIMPS AND YOUR LITTLE SISTER?
AOI ISN'T HERE EITHER.
HUFF
HUFF
THAT WAS CLOSE!
YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING... TAKE IT EASY!
KOFF
KOFF
HEY! HEY! DON'T EAT SO QUICKLY!
BUT THAT'LL CHANGE WHEN THAT YELLOW-HEADED GUY SHOWS UP.
REALLY? THEN EVERYTHING IS PEACEFUL.
HUH?
...THEY'VE ALL BEEN PLAYING AROUND WITH NEZUKO.
THANKS TO THAT, HER SPEECH IS SLOWLY GETTING BETTER.
WITH NO CORPS MEMBERS IN CRITICAL CONDITION TO LOOK AFTER...
SSSIP


GYAAAAA
WELCOME BACK!
OH!
BE QUIET!
AAAA
YOU'RE SO CUTE I COULD DIE!
THEN DO IT ALREADY!

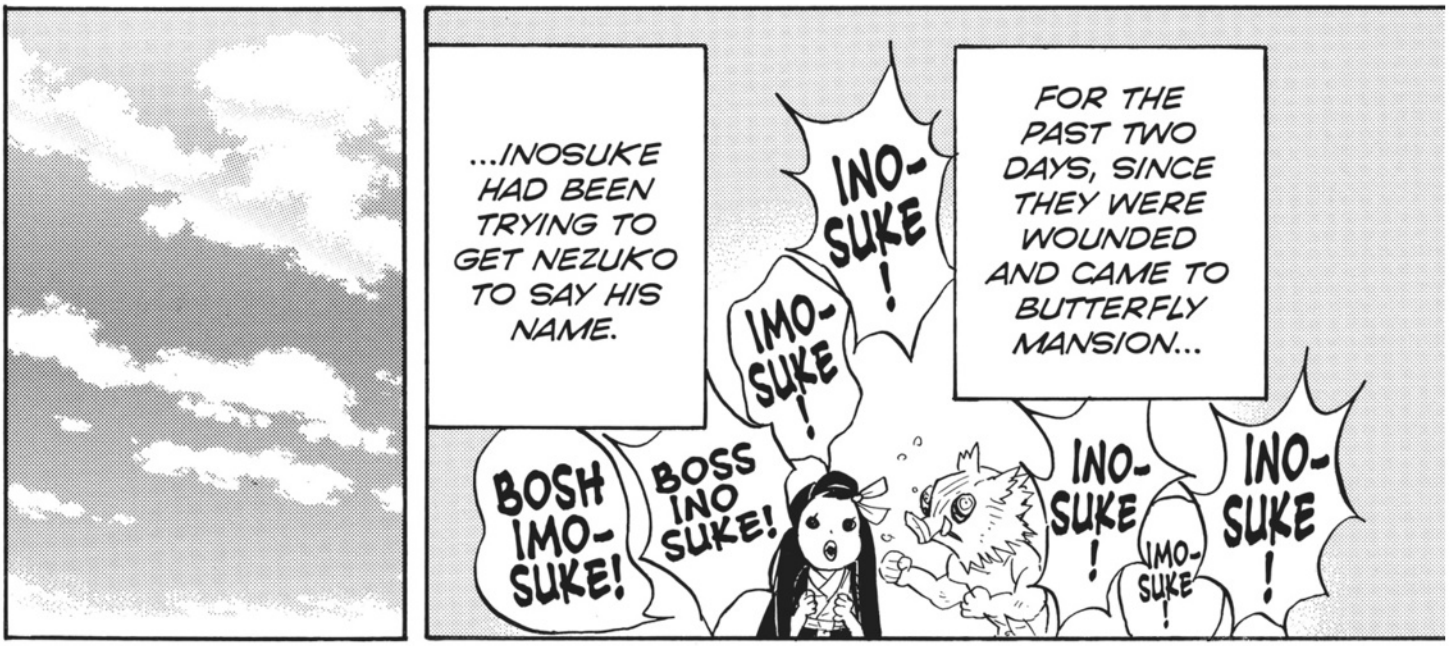

I'M SO HAPPY! WILL WE FINALLY GET MARRIED NOW?!
GO SOME-WHERE ELSE!
MY EARS!
FOR ME? WAS IT FOR ME? DID YOU DO THIS ALL FOR ME?!
WHAT HAPPENED, NEZUKO?! YOU'RE TALKING!


WELCOME BACK, INOSUKE.




YOU LOOKED SO LOVELY UNDER THE MOONLIGHT, BUT YOU'RE IRRESISTIBLE IN THE SUNLIGHT TOO! IT'S WONDERFUL!
MARRY ME AND I'LL FEED YOU SUSHI AND EEL EVERY DAY!
GET AWAY FROM HER!
IT'S FINE! LET'S GET HITCHED!

I'M GONNA KILL HIM!
WHERE IS THAT GUY?
DON'T SAY VIOLENT THINGS!


...INOSUKE HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET NEZUKO TO SAY HIS NAME.
FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS, SINCE THEY WERE WOUNDED AND CAME TO BUTTERFLY MANSION...
INO-SUKE!
IMO-SUKE!
BOSH IMO-SUKE!
BOSS INO SUKE!
INO-SUKE!
IMO-SUKE!
INO-SUKE!

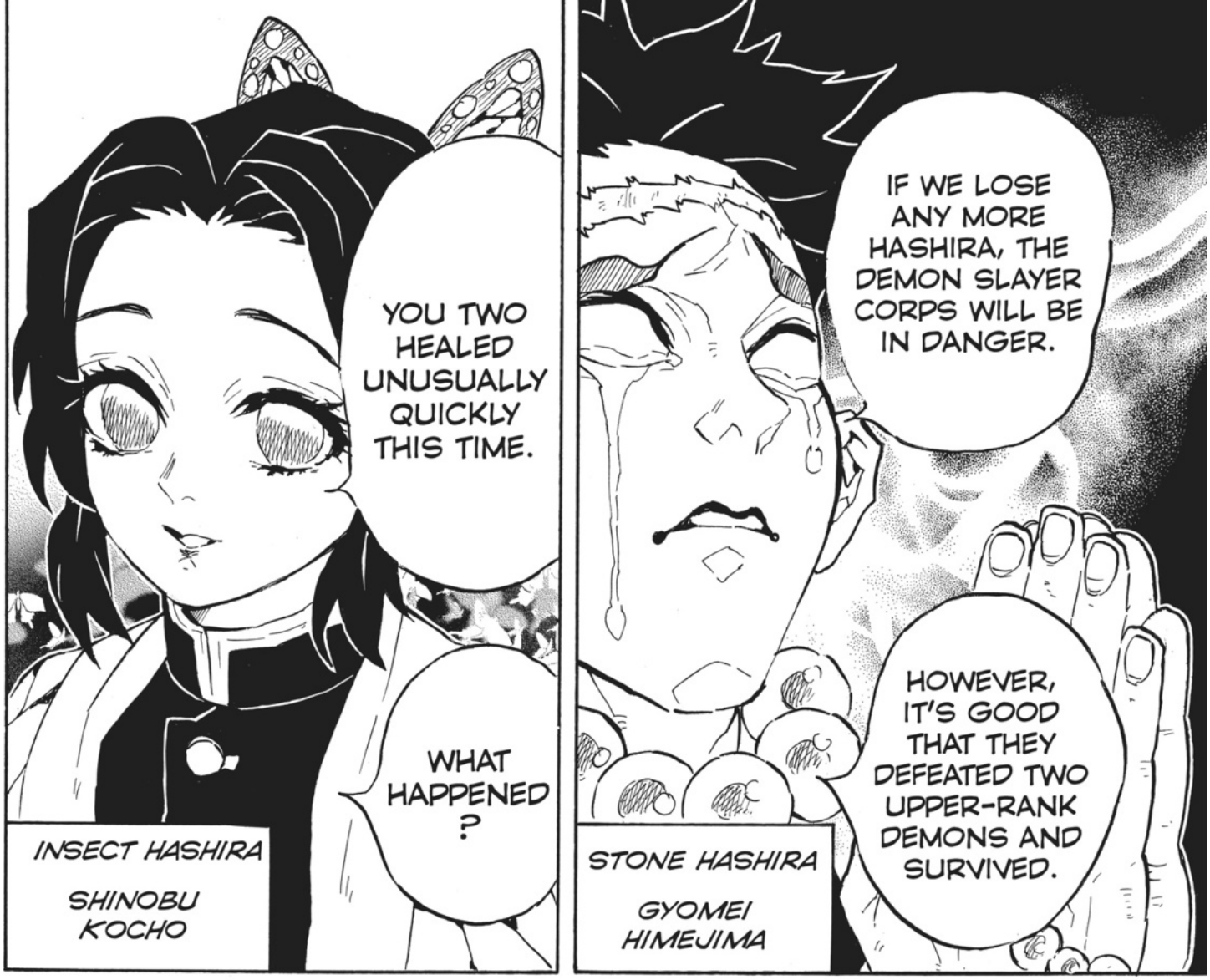
...THE HASHIRA HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING.
ON THIS DAY AT UBUYASHIKI MANSION...

YOU CAN'T CONTROL IT, BUT NEARLY EVERYONE IS RUNNING INTO THEM.
KANROJI AND TOKITO, HOW ARE YOU GUYS?
SERPENT HASHIRA
OBANAI IGURO

...I'M SO JEALOUS.
AW...
WHY DON'T I EVER GET TO FACE ANY UPPER-RANK DEMONS?
WIND HASHIRA
SANEMI SHINAZUGAWA

ME TOO.
ALTHOUGH I'M STILL NOT MY FULL SELF.
MIST HASHIRA
MUICHIRO TOKITO

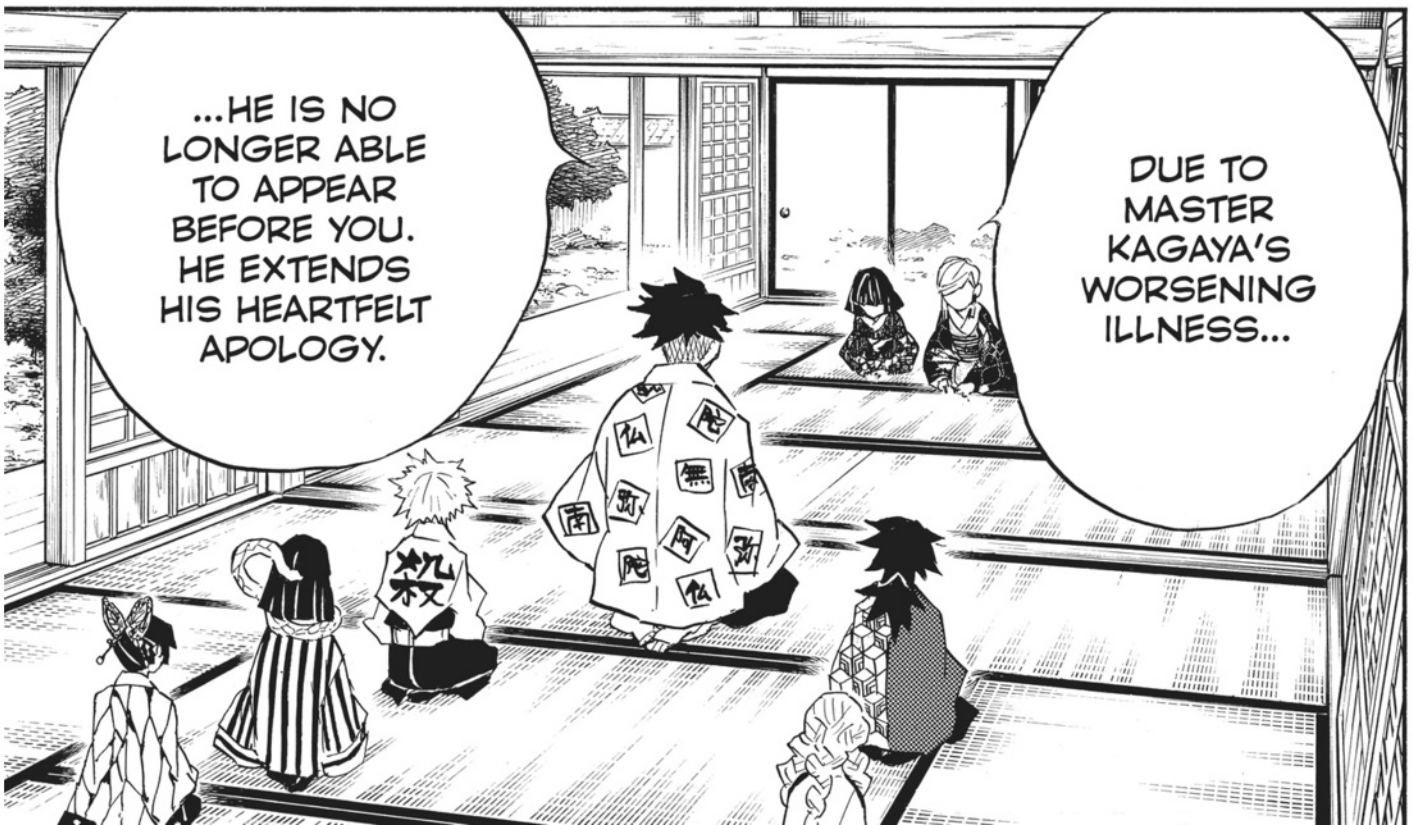
OH!
I'M MUCH BETTER, THANKS!
RIGHT!
OOO! HE'S WORRIED ABOUT ME!
LOVE HASHIRA
MITSURI KANROJI


YOU TWO HEALED UNUSUALLY QUICKLY THIS TIME.
WHAT HAPPENED?
INSECT HASHIRA
SHINOBU KOCHO
IF WE LOSE ANY MORE HASHIRA, THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS WILL BE IN DANGER.
HOWEVER, IT'S GOOD THAT THEY DEFEATED TWO UPPER-RANK DEMONS AND SURVIVED.
STONE HASHIRA
GYOMEI HIMEJIMA

I SUPPOSE THE MASTER WILL TELL US ABOUT THAT TOO.
WATER HASHIRA
GIYU TOMIOKA

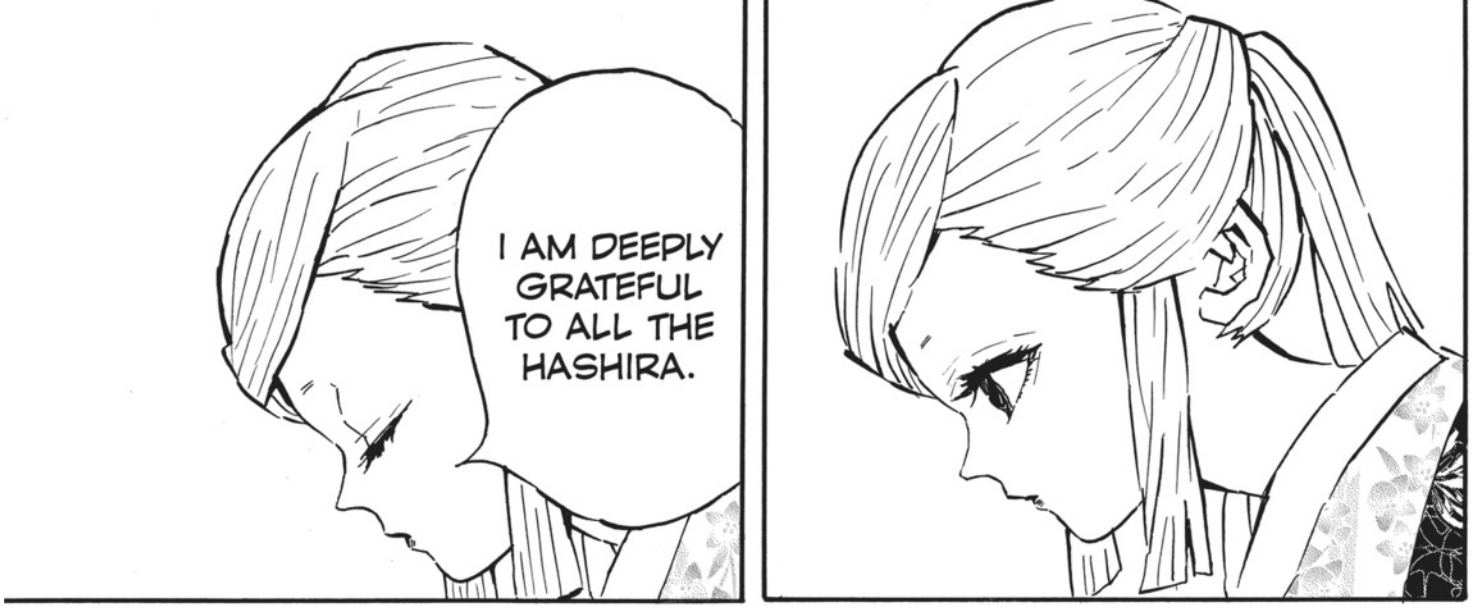
THANK YOU FOR WAITING SO LONG.

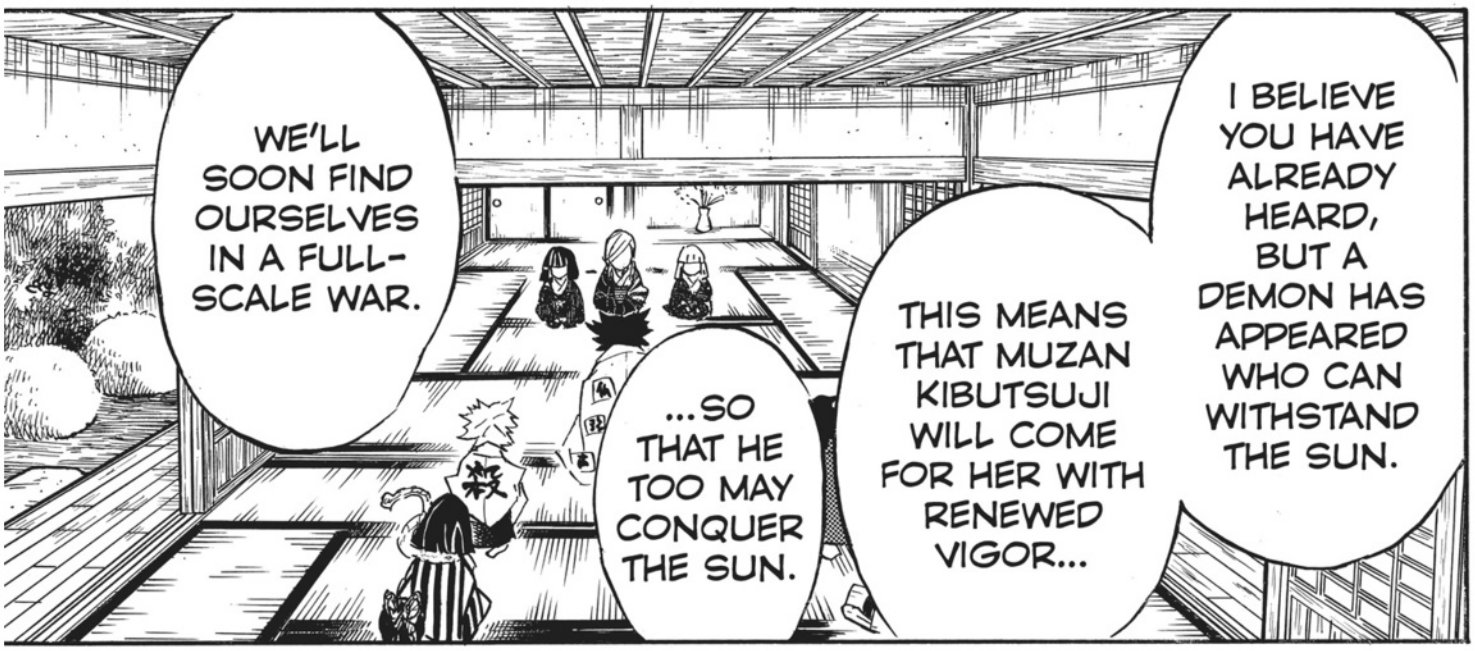
I AM AMANE UBUYA-SHIKI...
...AND I WILL REPRESENT KAGAYA UBUYASHIKI ...
...AT TODAY'S HASHIRA MEETING.


DUE TO MASTER KAGAYA'S WORSENING ILLNESS...
...HE IS NO LONGER ABLE TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU. HE EXTENDS HIS HEARTFELT APOLOGY.

HWUP
南無阿弥陀仏
南無阿弥陀仏

UNDER-
STOOD.
I PRAY FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART THAT THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER'S LIFE CONTINUES TO BURN EVEN ONE DAY LONGER...
...AND THAT LADY AMANE'S SPIRIT REMAINS STRONG.


I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO ALL THE HASHIRA.


I BELIEVE YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD, BUT A DEMON HAS APPEARED WHO CAN WITHSTAND THE SUN.
THIS MEANS THAT MUZAN KIBUTSUJI WILL COME FOR HER WITH RENEWED VIGOR...
...SO THAT HE TOO MAY CONQUER THE SUN.
WE'LL SOON FIND OURSELVES IN A FULL-SCALE WAR.

I HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT KANROJI AND TOKITO MANIFESTED MARKS WITH DISTINCTIVE PATTERNS DURING THE FIGHT AGAINST UPPER RANKS 4 AND 5.
MITSURI'S CROW:
I WOULD LIKE THEM TO TELL US ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT CAUSED THE MARKS TO APPEAR.

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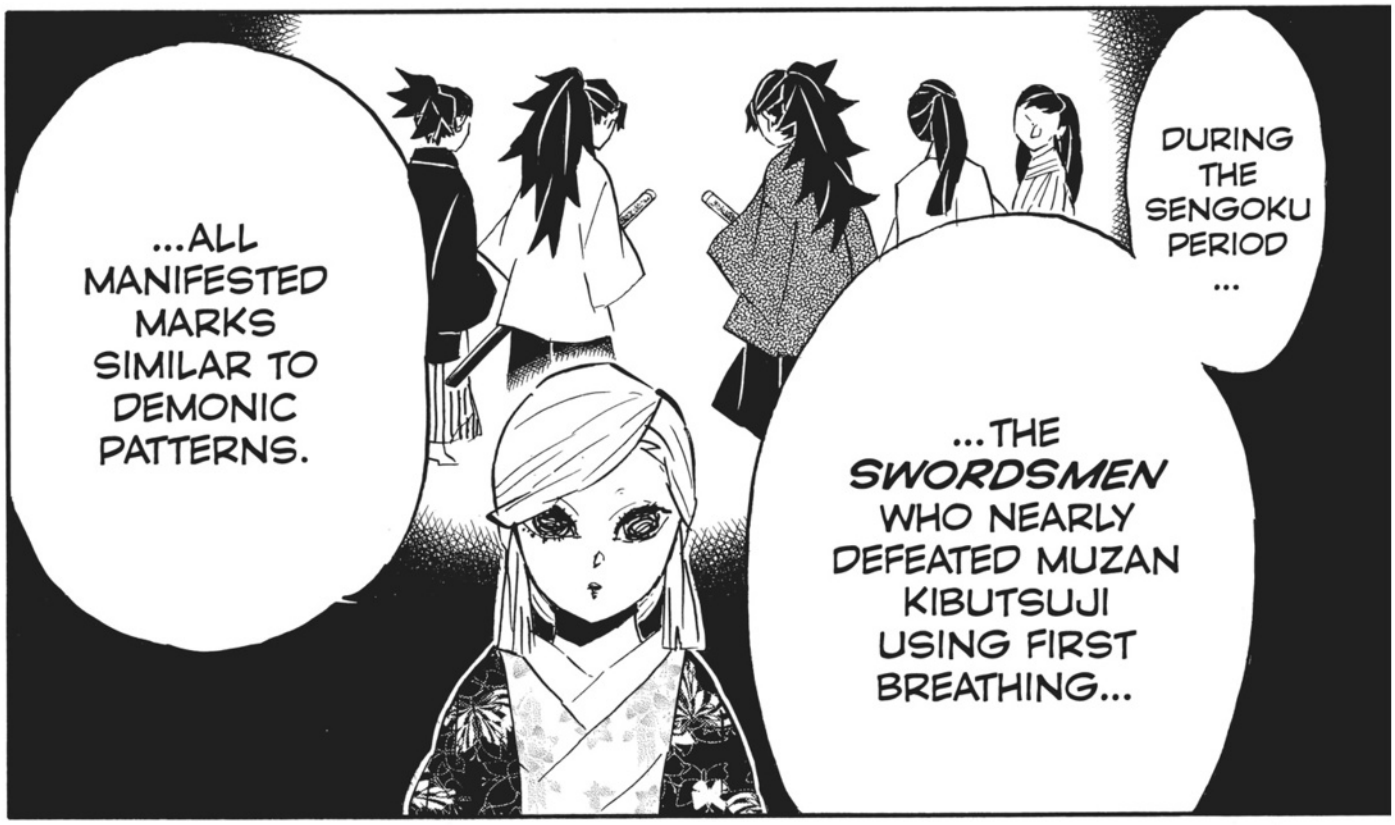
MARKS ...?

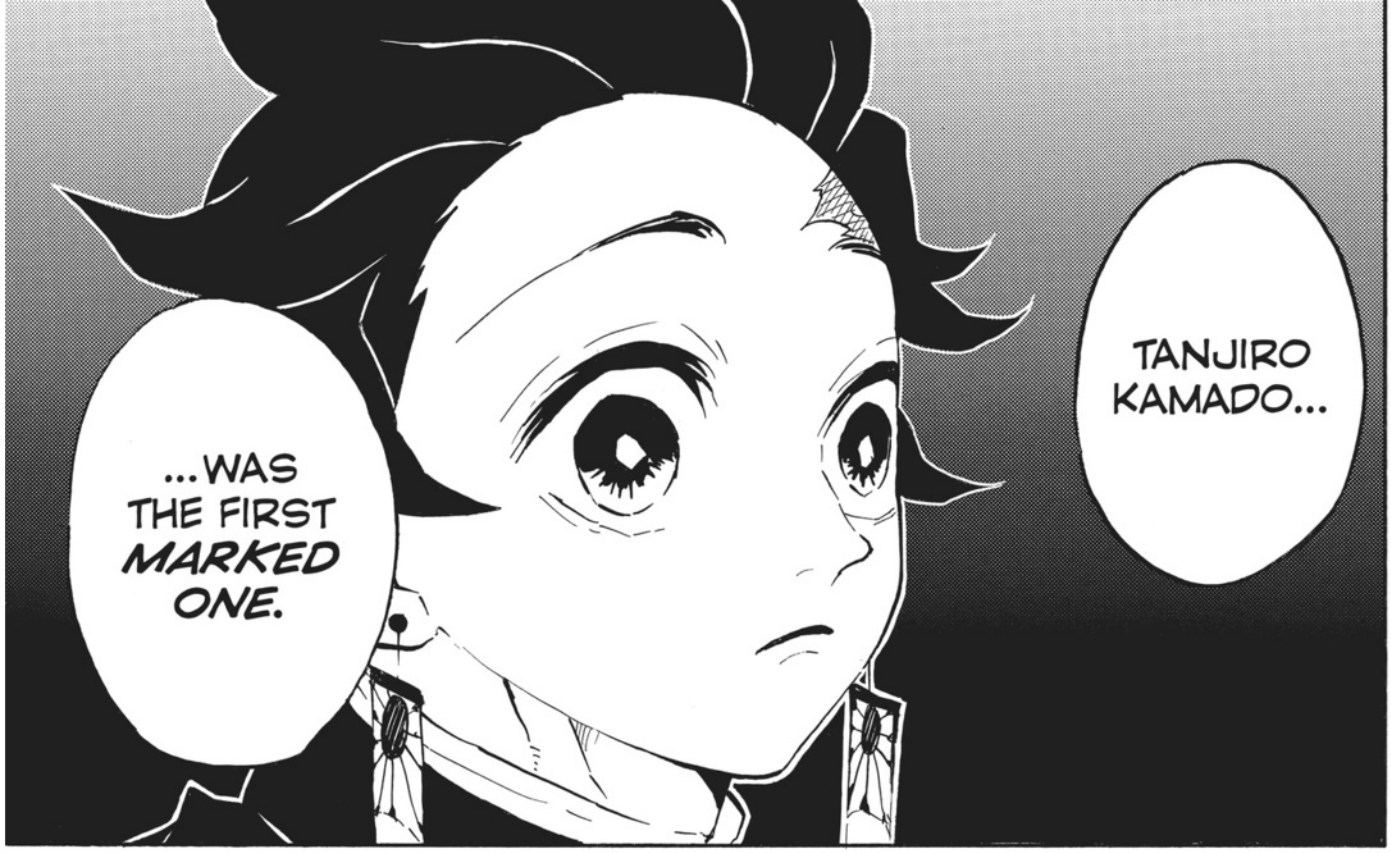

DURING THE SENGOKU PERIOD ...
...THE *SWORDSMEN* WHO NEARLY DEFEATED MUZAN KIBUTSUJI USING FIRST BREATHING...
...ALL MANIFESTED MARKS SIMILAR TO DEMONIC PATTERNS.

?!

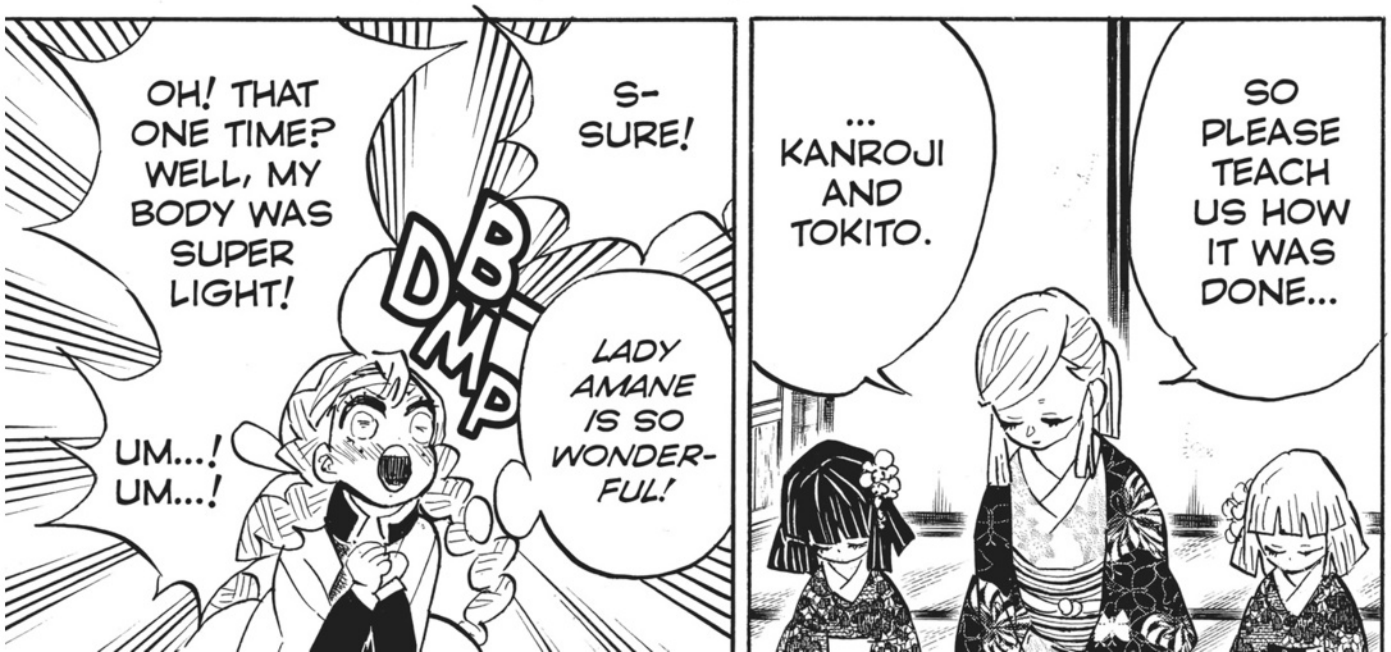
THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT. WHY WAS THIS INFORMATION HIDDEN?
YOU MAY HAVE HEARD SUCH TALES...
...BUT NOW YOU KNOW THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
BECAUSE MANY HAVE TORMENTED THEMSELVES OVER WHY THE MARKS HAVEN'T APPEARED ON THEM TOO.
THAT'S WHY.
MOST OF THE DETAILS REGARDING THE MARKS ARE UNCLEAR.
PERHAPS BECAUSE IT DIDN'T SEEM IMPORTANT AT THE TIME.
OR PERHAPS THE INFORMATION WAS LOST IN ONE OF THE MANY TIMES THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS SUFFERED NEAR DESTRUCTION.

BUT THE ONLY CLEAR RECORDS WE HAVE SAY...
... "WHEN THE MARKED ONE ARRIVES, THE MARK WILL APPEAR ON OTHERS AROUND THAT PERSON AS IF IN RESONANCE."

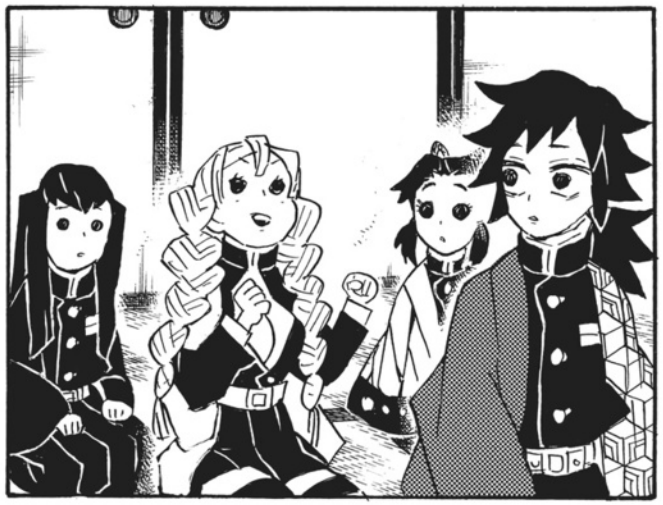
THOSE WORDS APPEAR IN NOTES LEFT BY A SWORDSMAN WHO USED FIRST BREATHING.
...DID NOT HAVE THE RANK OF HASHIRA.
...THE FIRST TO MANIFEST THE MARK...
NOW AT THIS TIME...

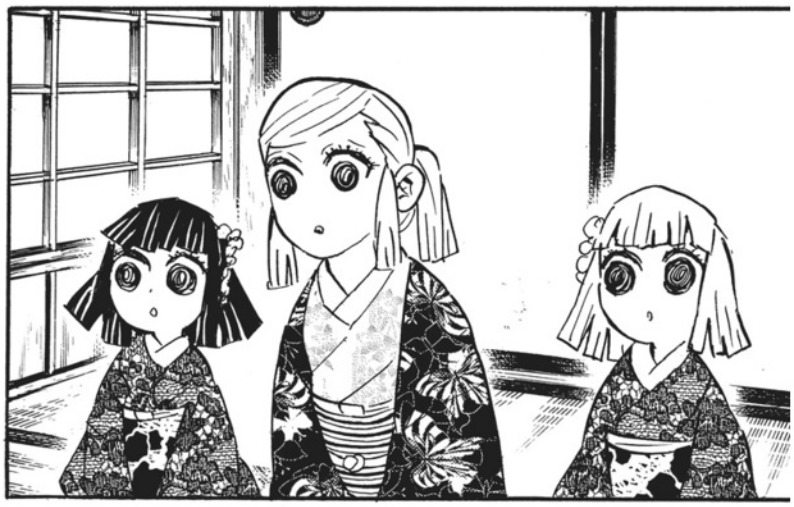

TANJIRO KAMADO...
...WAS THE FIRST MARKED ONE.

HOWEVER, IT TURNED OUT THAT HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT CAUSED THE MARK TO APPEAR...
...
IT WAS LIKE! GAAAH!
GWAH! AND MY STOM-ACH! GAWOOM!
...SO WE DIDN'T PURSUE IT. BUT NOW TWO HASHIRA HAVE ALSO HAD THIS AWAKENING.


SO PLEASE TEACH US HOW IT WAS DONE...
... KANROJI AND TOKITO.
S-SURE!
OH! THAT ONE TIME? WELL, MY BODY WAS SUPER LIGHT!
DBMP
LADY AMANE IS SO WONDER-FUL!
UM...! UM...!

MY HEART AND STUFF WAS ALL *BA-DUMP BA-DUMP* AND MY EARS RANG LIKE *PING!*
IT HIT ME LIKE *WAAAAH!*
LIKE *WHOOM! FWAAH!*
CRICK-CRACK-POP!





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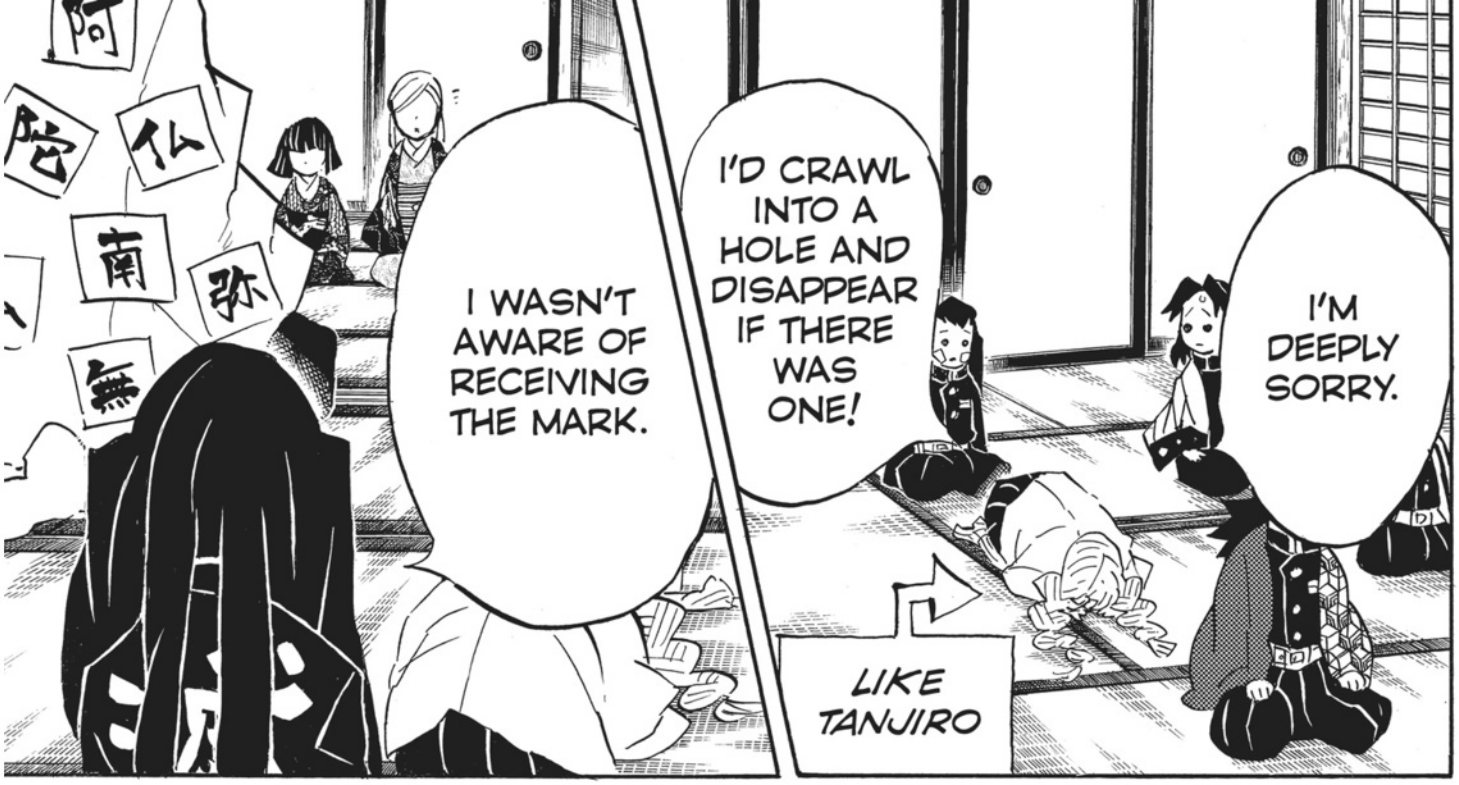
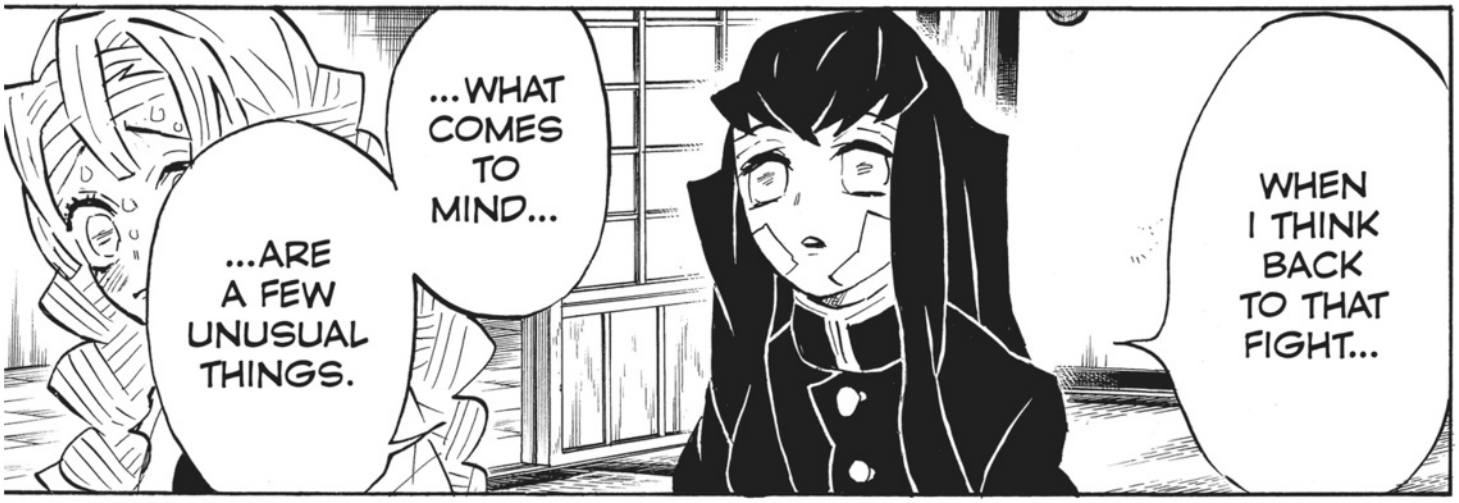
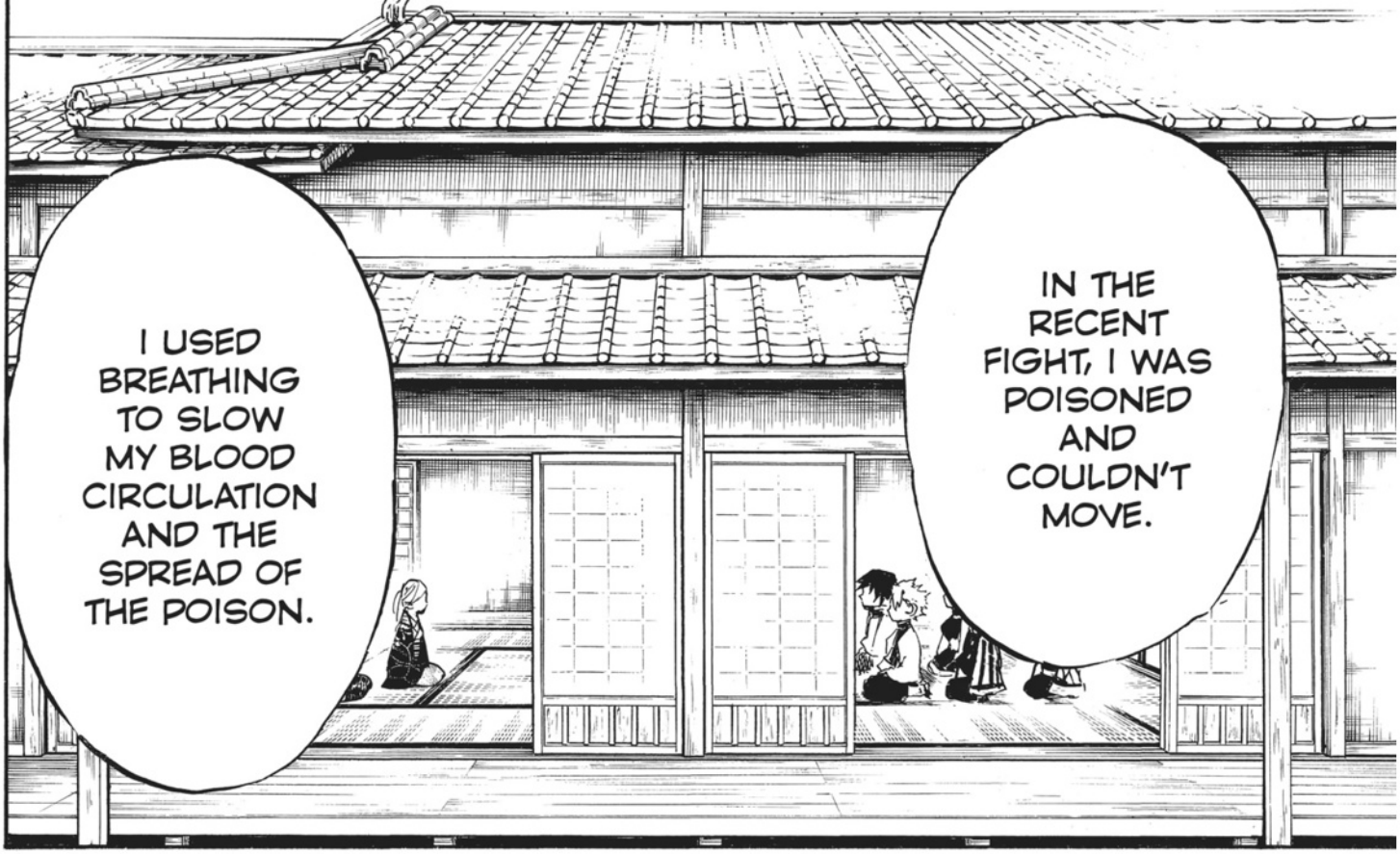

I'M DEEPLY SORRY.
I'D CRAWL INTO A HOLE AND DISAPPEAR IF THERE WAS ONE!
I WASN'T AWARE OF RECEIVING THE MARK.
LIKE TANJIRO


WHEN I THINK BACK TO THAT FIGHT...
...WHAT COMES TO MIND...
...ARE A FEW UNUSUAL THINGS.

I GUESS DOING THOSE THINGS MIGHT CAUSE THE MARK TO APPEAR ON ANYONE.
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THEY WERE.

Shinobu hands Mitsuri
a handkerchief because she
is too embarrassed and
can't stop sweating.

CHAPTER 129: TO BECOME A MARKED ONE

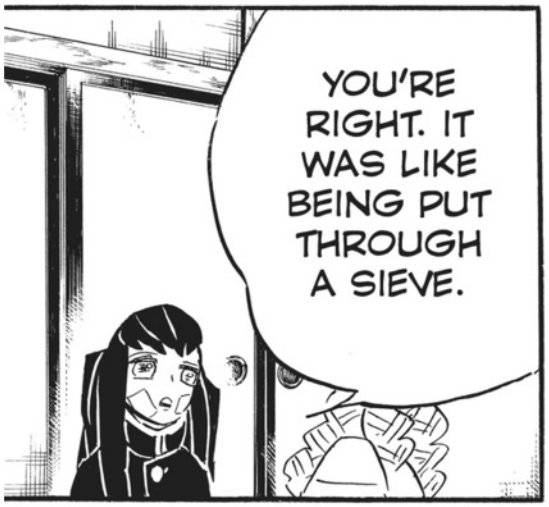

I USED BREATHING TO SLOW MY BLOOD CIRCULATION AND THE SPREAD OF THE POISON.
IN THE RECENT FIGHT, I WAS POISONED AND COULDN'T MOVE.

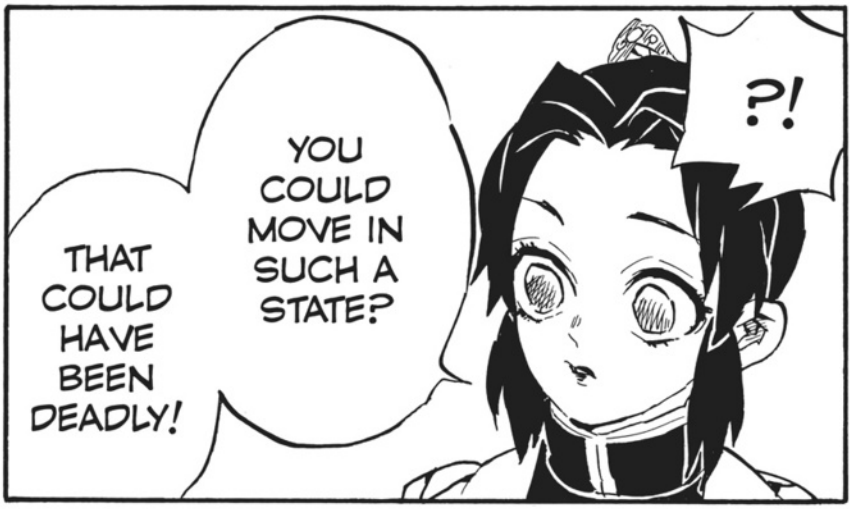
I WAS SO ANGRY THAT I COULDN'T CONTROL MY EMOTIONS.

A BOY WHO TRIED TO HELP ME ALMOST GOT KILLED...
...AND MY LOST MEMORIES RETURNED.

AND MY BODY FELT HOT, LIKE IT WAS BURNING.
...
I THINK MY HEART RATE WAS MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED BEATS PER MINUTE.

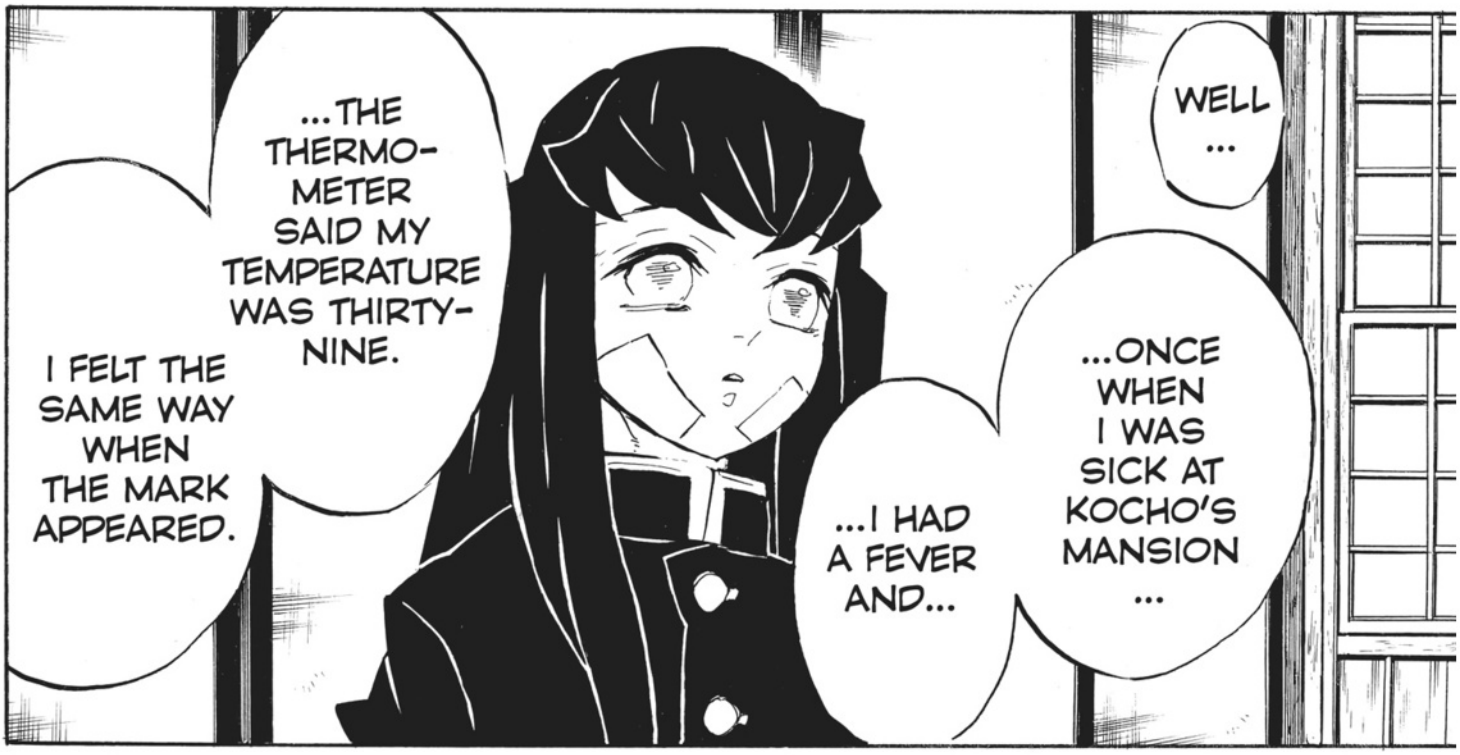
AND I THINK MY TEMPERATURE WAS OVER THIRTY-NINE DEGREES CELCIUS.


YOU'RE RIGHT. IT WAS LIKE BEING PUT THROUGH A SIEVE.


?!
YOU COULD MOVE IN SUCH A STATE?
THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DEADLY!

SURVIVAL ...
...IS WHAT SEPARATES THOSE WHO MANIFEST THE MARK FROM THOSE WHO DON'T.

A HEART RATE OVER TWO HUNDRED BEATS PER MINUTE...
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOUR TEMPERATURE WAS THIRTY-NINE DEGREES?


WELL...
...ONCE WHEN I WAS SICK AT KOCHO'S MANSION...
...I HAD A FEVER AND...
...THE THERMO-METER SAID MY TEMPERATURE WAS THIRTY-NINE.
I FELT THE SAME WAY WHEN THE MARK APPEARED.

I DIDN'T KNOW...

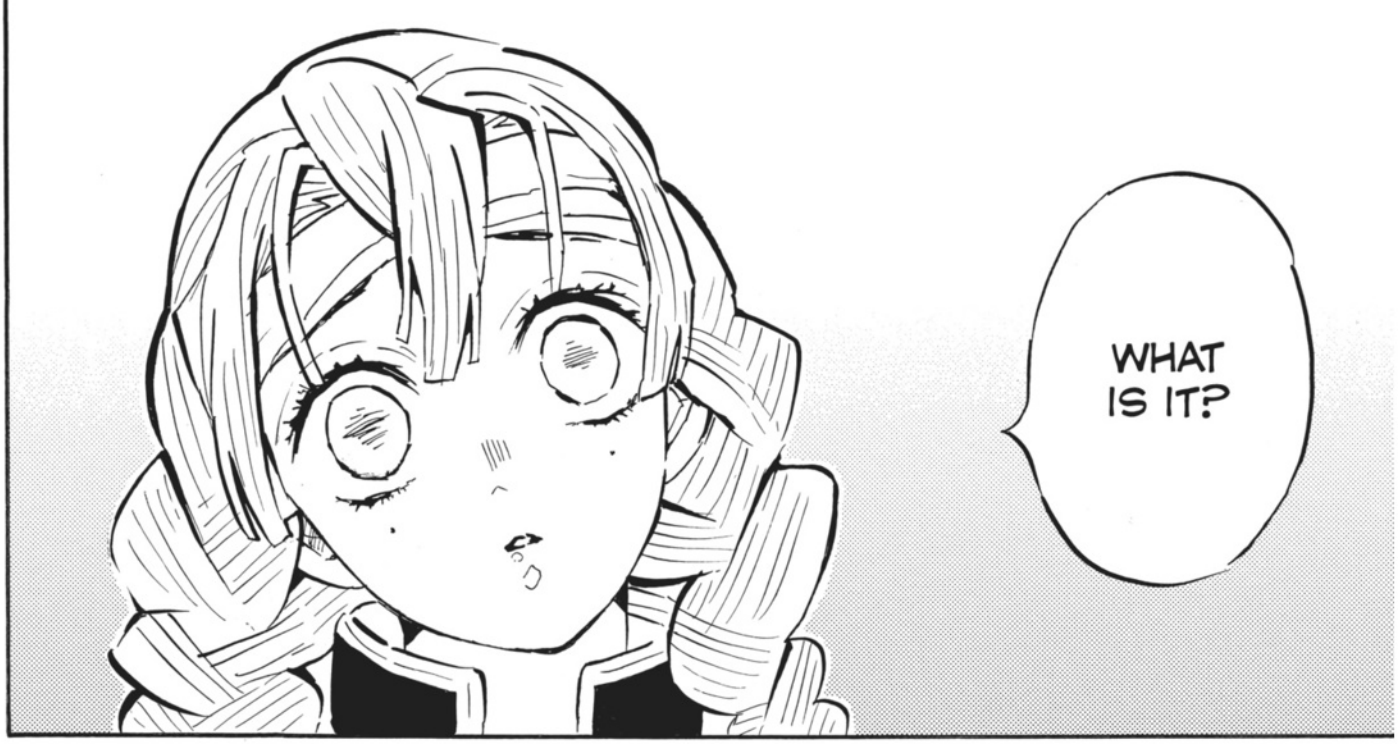
I ENVY YOUR SIMPLE MIND FOR THINKING *THAT* IS "SIMPLE."
TSK.
CAN IT REALLY BE THAT SIMPLE?

AGREED.
I WILL ACHIEVE IT SOMEHOW. PLEASE TELL OUR MASTER TO REST ASSURED.

NO-THING.
WHAT?!

IT'S URGENT THAT ALL THE HASHIRA MANIFEST THE MARK.

HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE THING I MUST TELL YOU REGARDING TRAINING FOR MANIFESTING THE MARK.
THANK YOU.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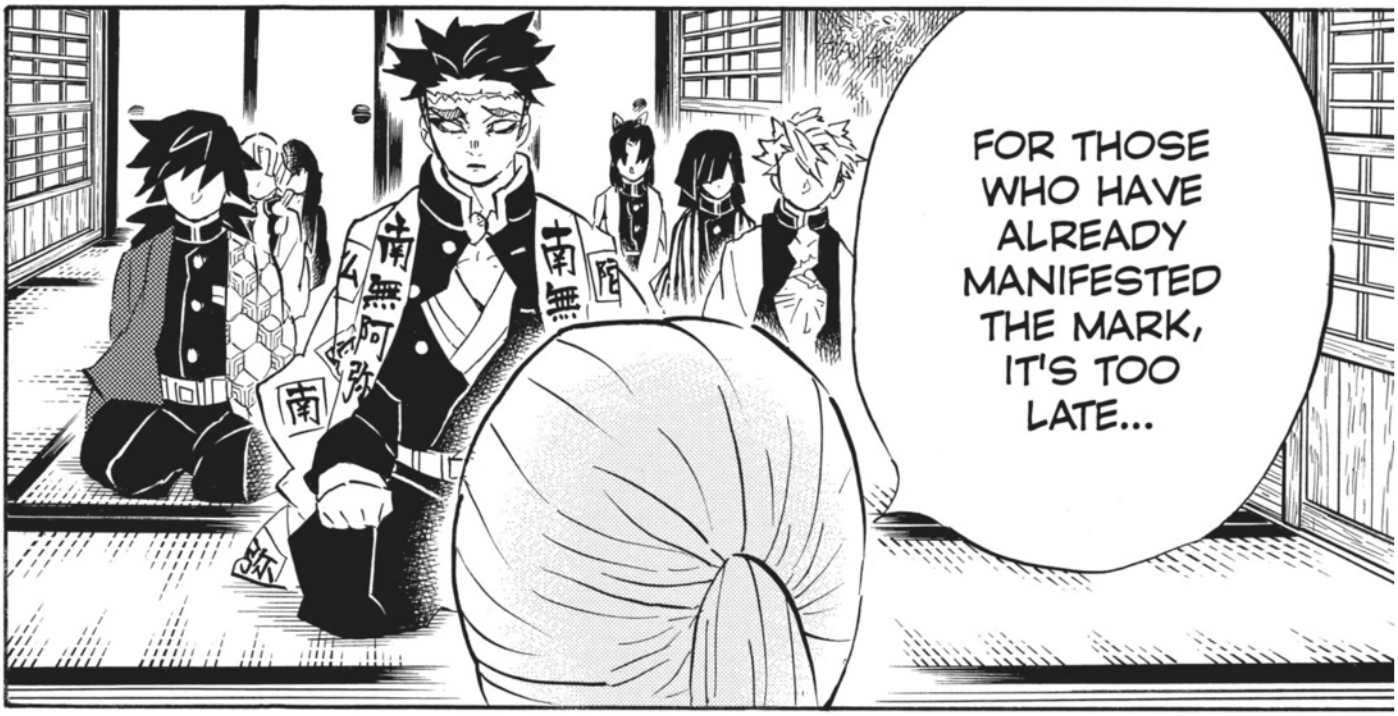
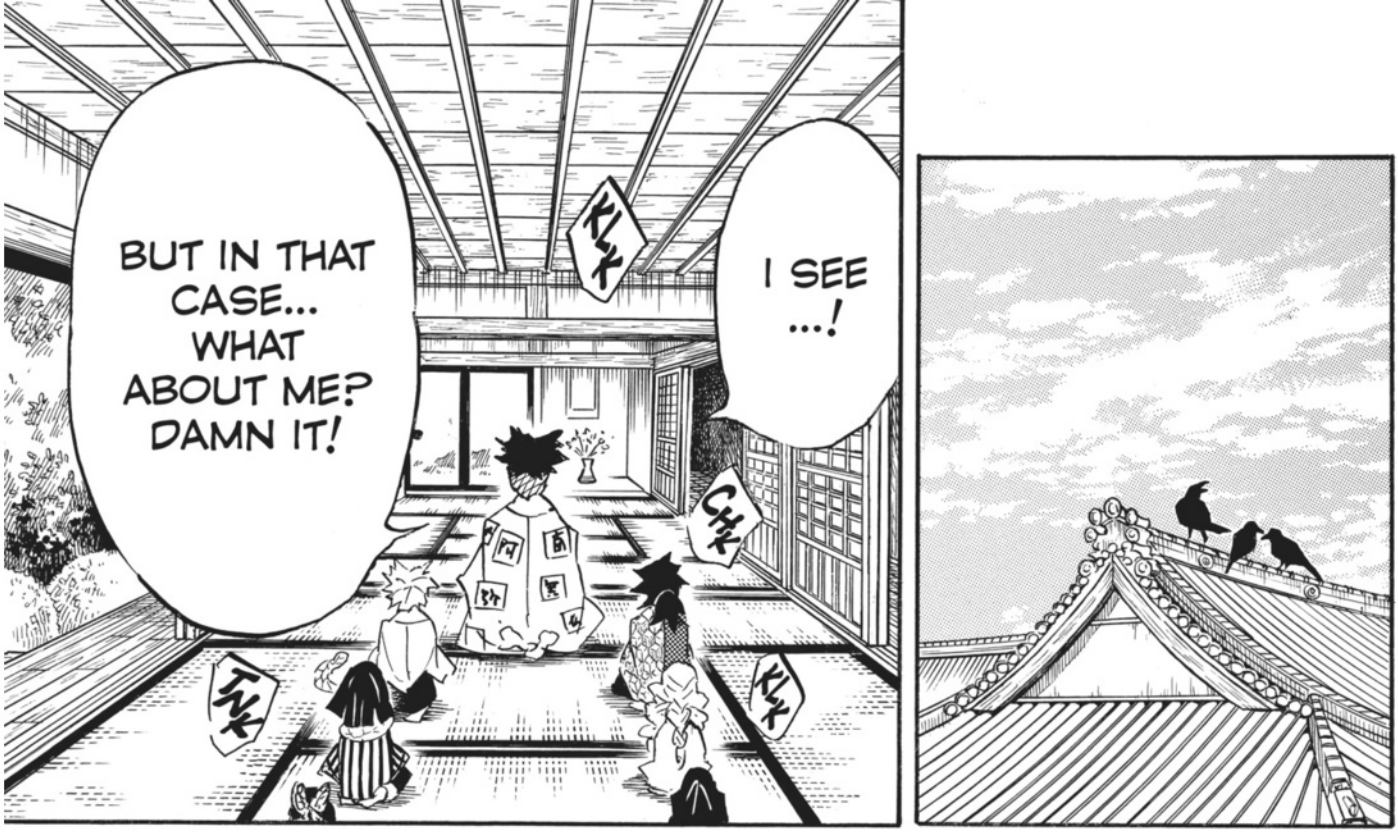

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MANIFESTED THE MARK, IT'S TOO LATE...

THOSE WHO DO MANIFEST THE MARK...
...
...WITHOUT EXCEPTION WILL ALL—

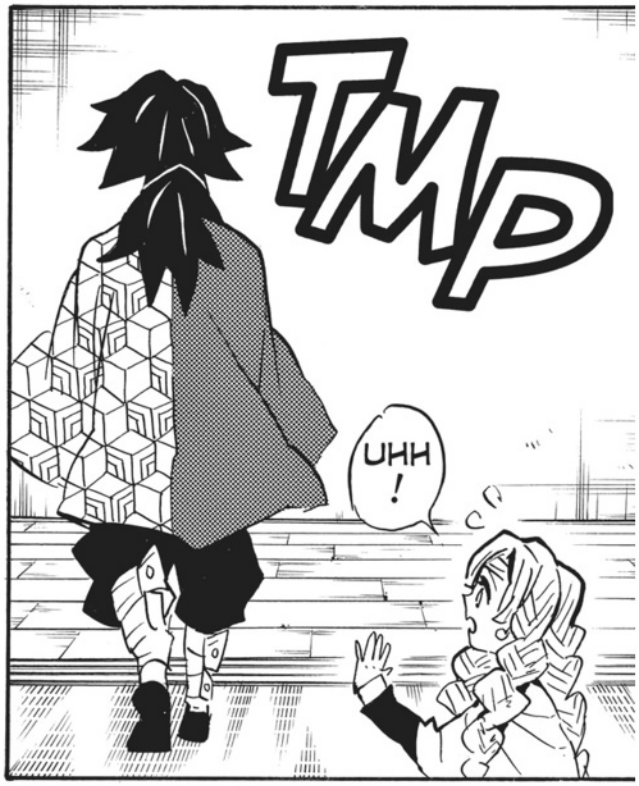

I SEE ...!
BUT IN THAT CASE... WHAT ABOUT ME? DAMN IT!

SINCE LADY AMANE HAS LEFT, I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF.
HEY, WAIT! DON'T BE RUDE!
WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

THE SIX OF YOU SHOULD TALK.
I'M NOT INVOLVED.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED?
YOU DON'T TAKE BEING A HASHIRA SERIOUSLY ENOUGH!
OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO SKIP THE MEETING...
...AND START YOUR TRAINING?

WAIT, YOU!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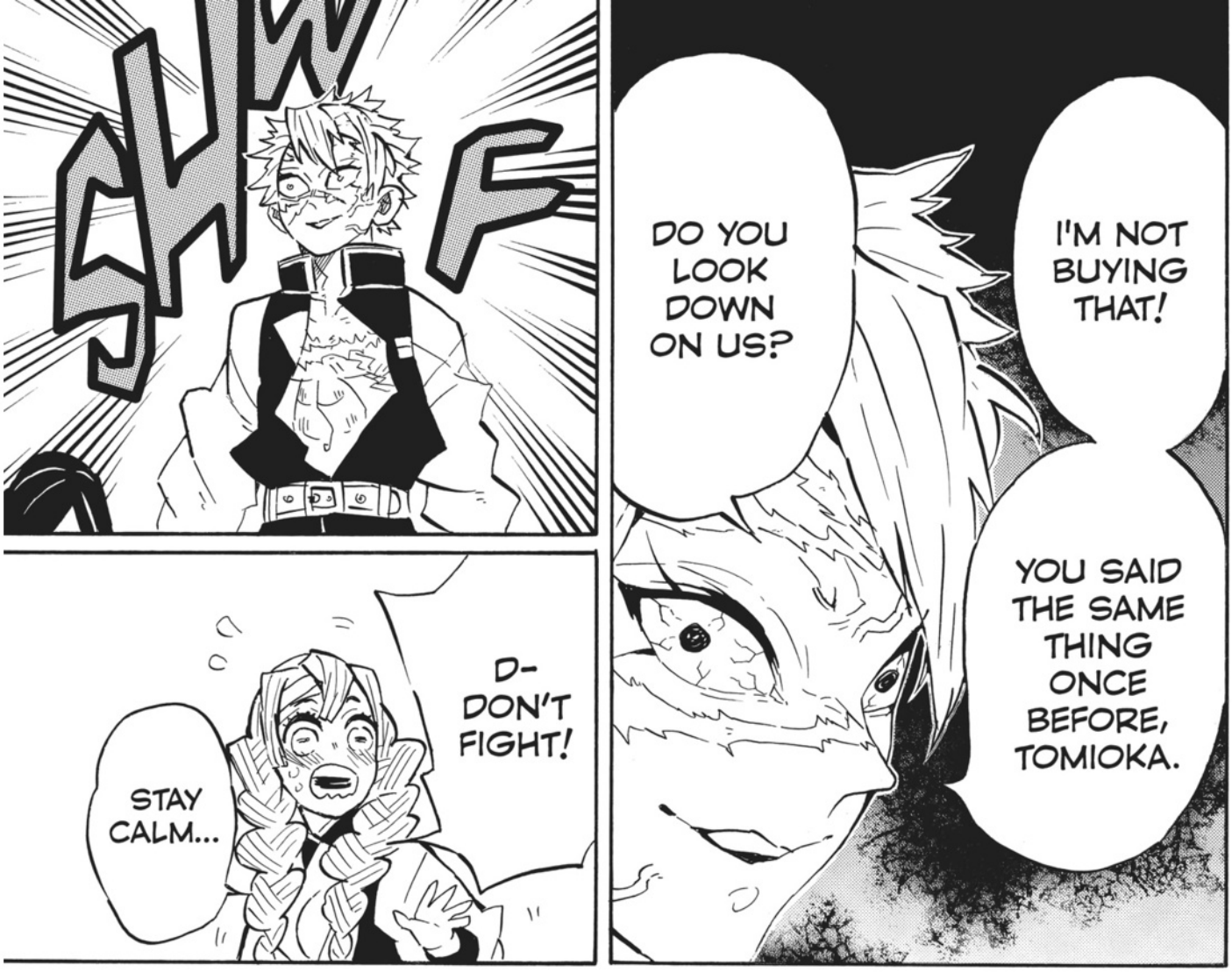
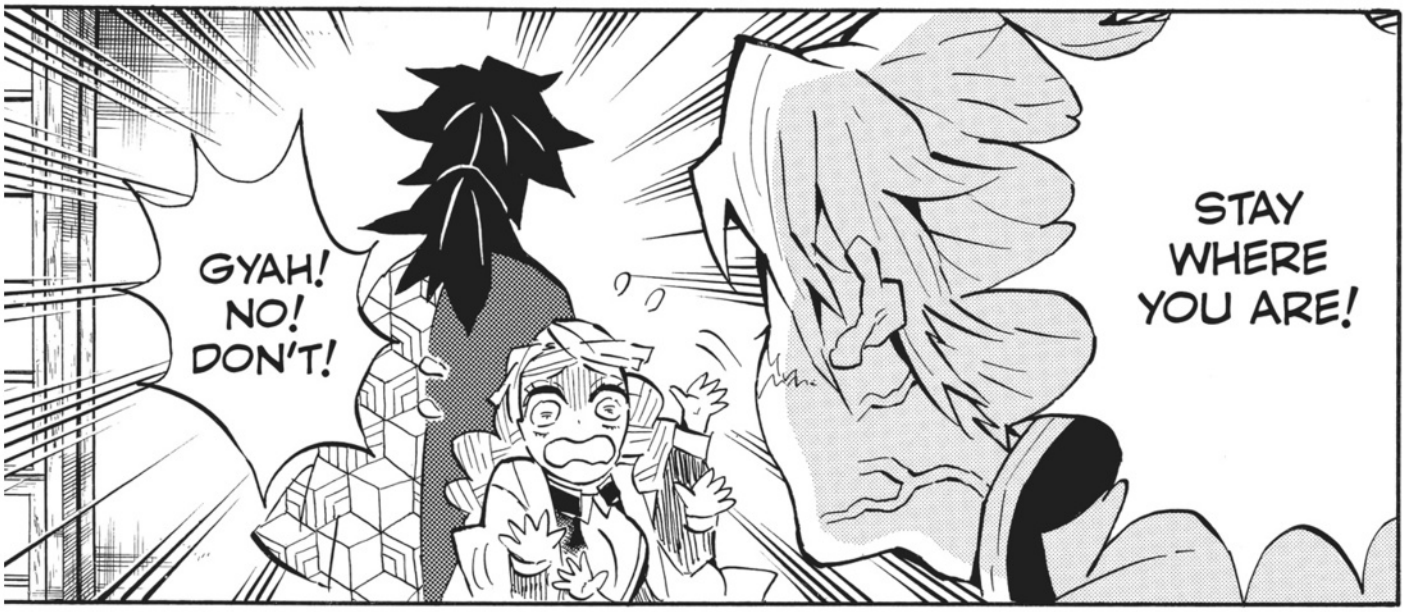
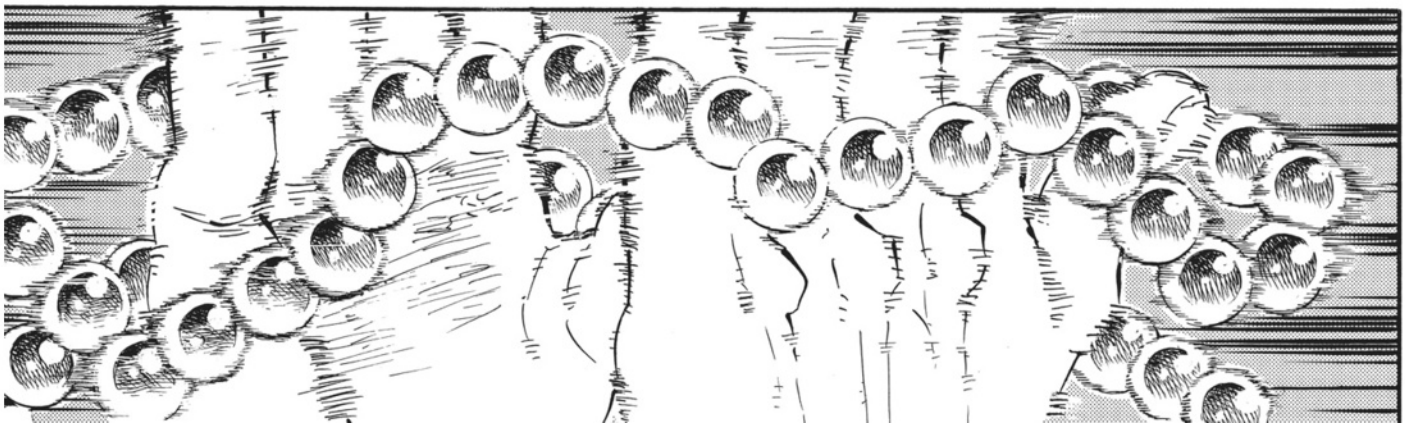
UHH!

EXPLAIN YOURSELF, TOMIOKA.
AS USUAL, YOU SAY TOO LITTLE.

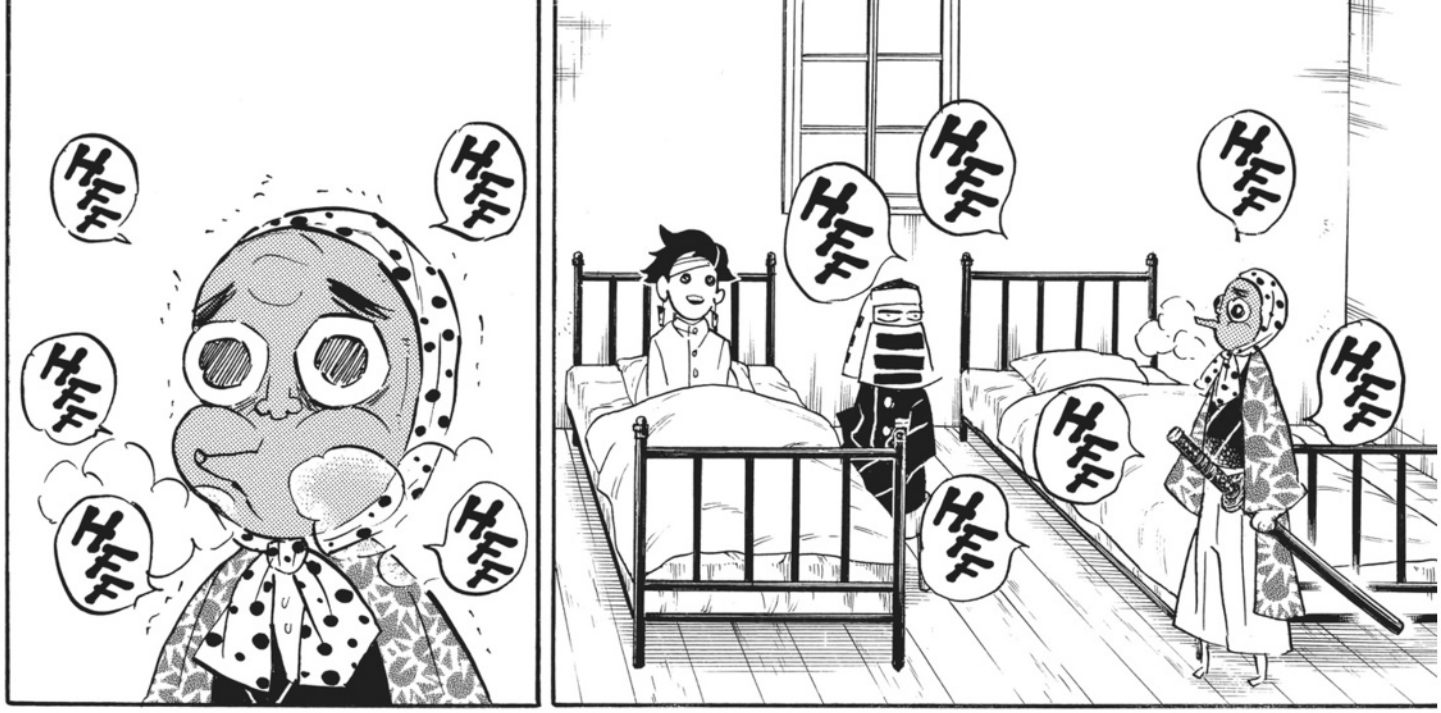
...
I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU GUYS.


SHWF
I'M NOT BUYING THAT!
DO YOU LOOK DOWN ON US?
YOU SAID THE SAME THING ONCE BEFORE, TOMIOKA.
D-DON'T FIGHT!
STAY CALM...


STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
GYAH! NO! DON'T!



WHAP
HRM HRM
THUMP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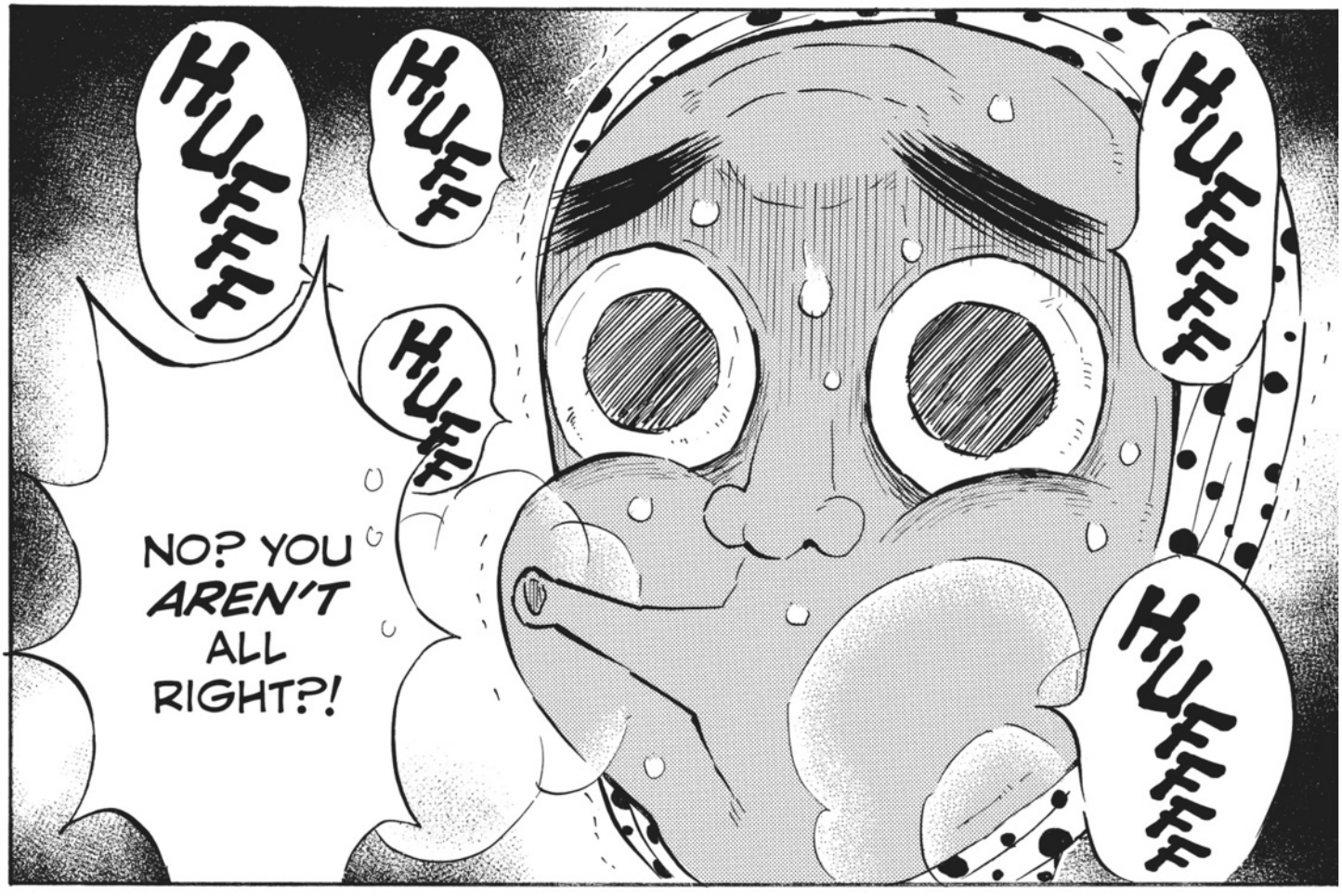
HUFFF
HUFF
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HUFFFF
HUFFFF
NO? YOU *AREN'T* ALL RIGHT?!

THANKS!
OH...! A KATANA!
SWUP

I HAVE A PROPOSAL.
SIT. LET US CONTINUE TALKING.

AAGH!
BUTTERFLY MANSION

YOUR WOUNDS ARE HEALED?! GOOD!
HAGANE-ZUKA!

THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING KOTETSU.
THIS IS RENGOKU'S HILT!
HFF
FWMP
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
PLEASE, SIT.
SWIP
THE BLADE? LET ME LOOK.
BLA...
BL...
B...
HFF
HFF
HFF

WHOA ...!
INCRED-IBLE!
THE BLACK IS DEEPER!
THE STEEL AND QUALITY ARE GOOD ...
...SO THE FORMER BEARER MUST HAVE BEEN A STRONG SWORDS-MAN.
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THE KANJI FOR "SLAY"...
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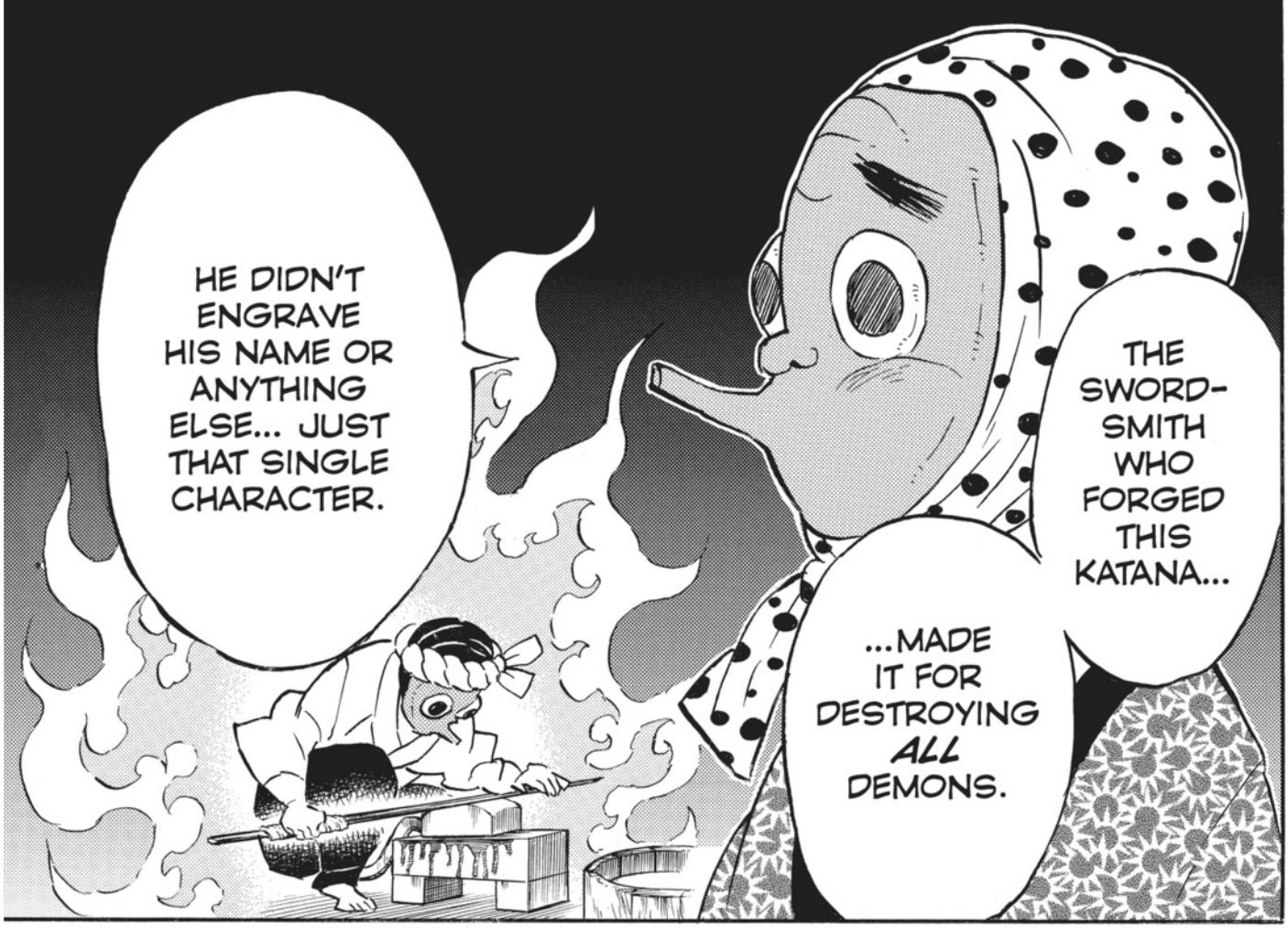
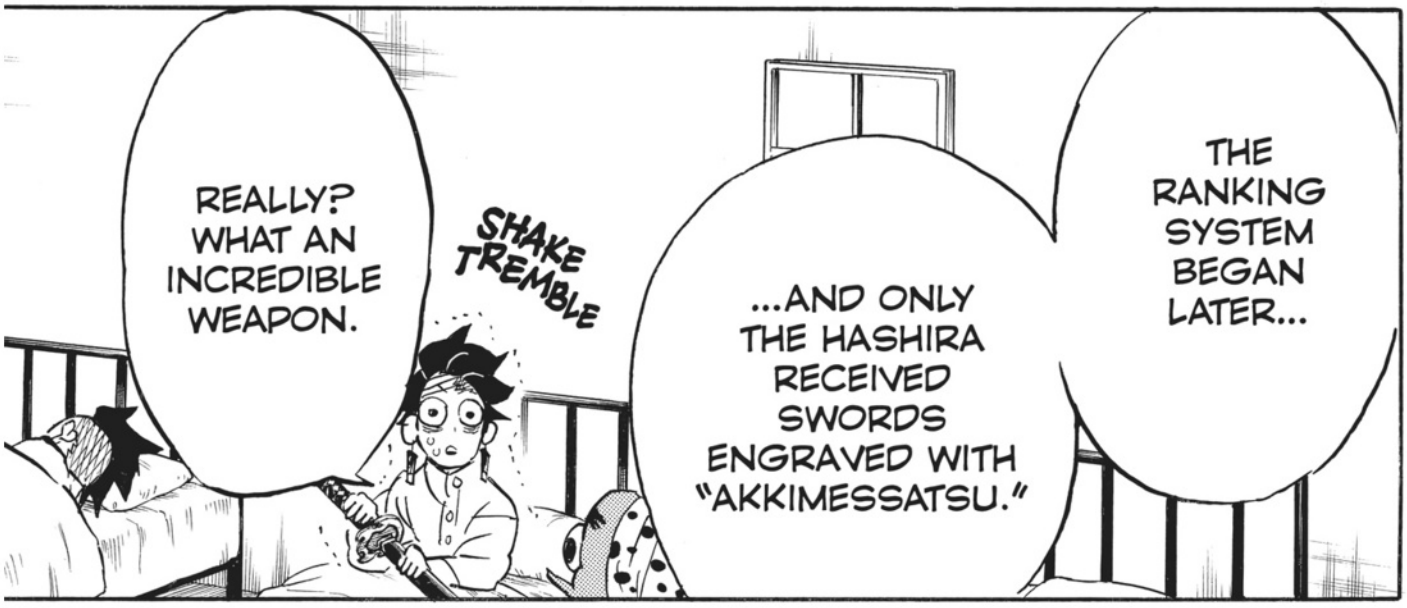
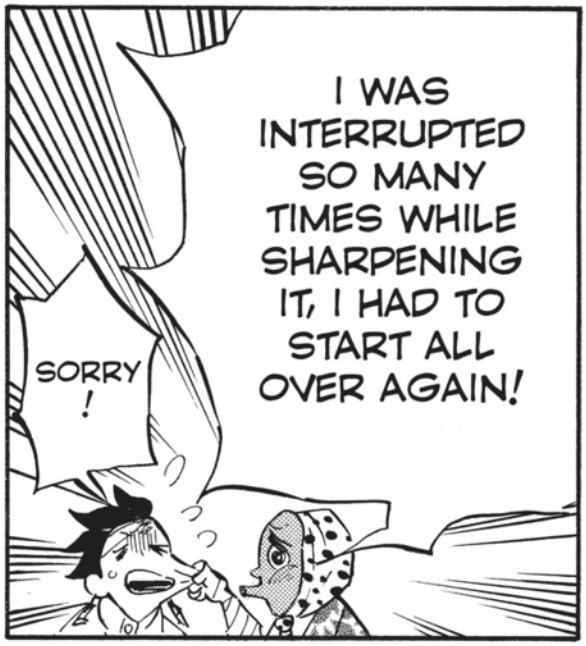
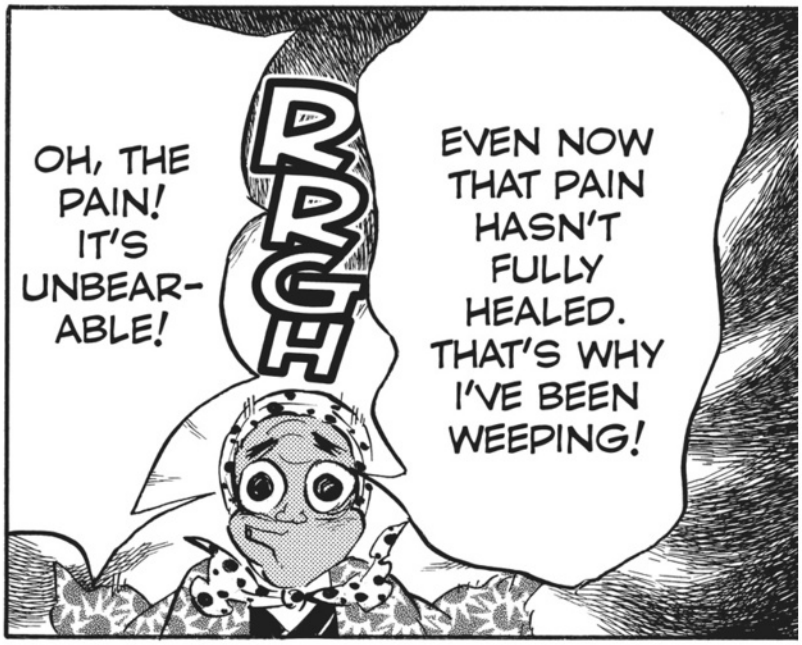

HE DIDN'T ENGRAVE HIS NAME OR ANYTHING ELSE... JUST THAT SINGLE CHARACTER.
THE SWORD-SMITH WHO FORGED THIS KATANA...
...MADE IT FOR DESTROYING ALL DEMONS.


REALLY? WHAT AN INCREDIBLE WEAPON.
SHAKE TREMBLE
...AND ONLY THE HASHIRA RECEIVED SWORDS ENGRAVED WITH "AKKIMESSATSU."
THE RANKING SYSTEM BEGAN LATER...

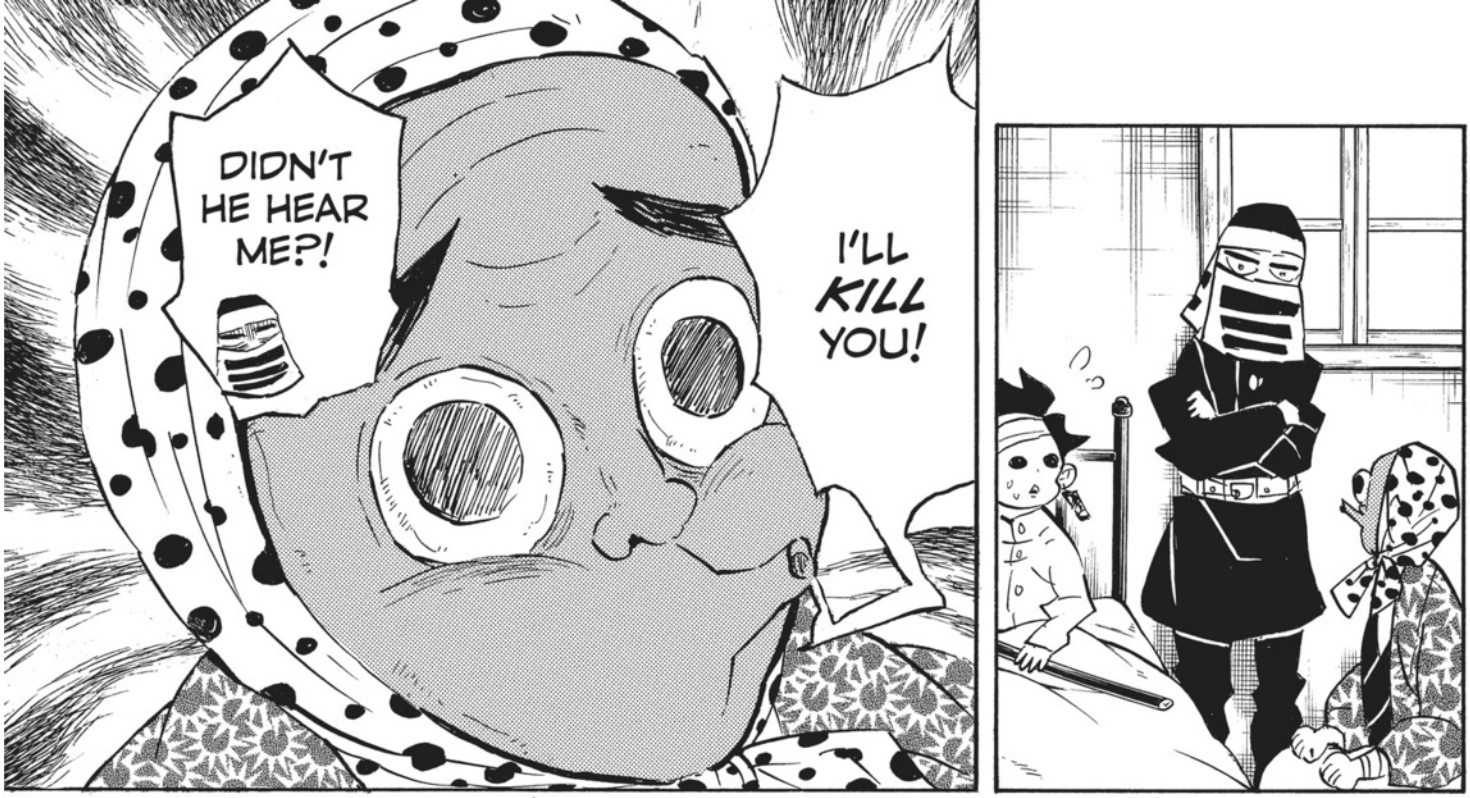
?
BUT WHEN I USED THIS DURING THE FIGHT...I DIDN'T SEE IT HAD THAT CHARACTER ON IT.

GWOO
IT WAS STILL A LITTLE RUSTY! I WANTED TO KILL YOU!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT HAD ONLY BEEN POLISHED TO THE FIRST STAGE. BUT YOU GUYS TOOK IT AND USED IT!
SORRY!
OOO

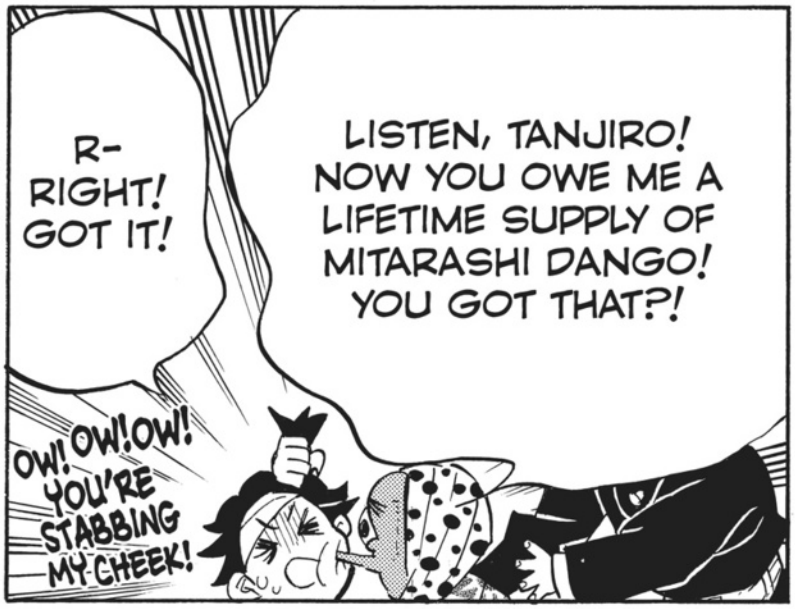

I WAS INTERRUPTED SO MANY TIMES WHILE SHARPENING IT, I HAD TO START ALL OVER AGAIN!
SORRY!


RRGH
OH, THE PAIN! IT'S UNBEAR-ABLE!
EVEN NOW THAT PAIN HASN'T FULLY HEALED. THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN WEEPING!

HE'S GOT BROKEN BONES ALL THROUGH HIS BODY.
THIS KID'S WOUNDS ARE JUST AS BAD.


DIDN'T HE HEAR ME?!
I'LL KILL YOU!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
GET WELL SOON!
STAGGER WOBBLE


R-RIGHT! GOT IT!
LISTEN, TANJIRO! NOW YOU OWE ME A LIFETIME SUPPLY OF MITARASHI DANGO! YOU GOT THAT?!
OW! OW! OW! YOU'RE STABBING MY CHEEK!

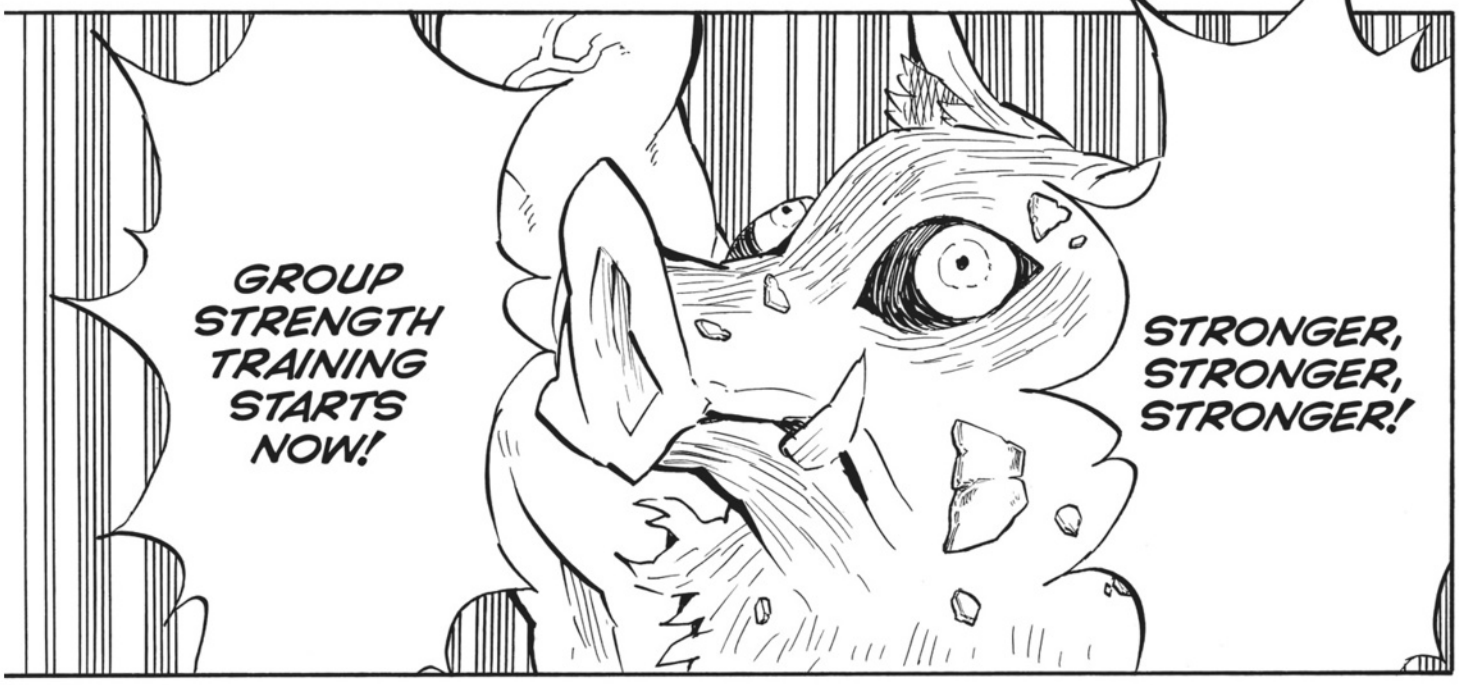
*Dumplings

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO NOISY?

HE WAS PRETTY CALM TODAY. HE MUST REALLY BE IN PAIN.
I'D HEARD RUMORS... BUT HE'S REALLY FEISTY!
SERI-OUSLY?

OH ...
... SORRY, GENYA.
WE'RE DONE NOW.
SORRY FOR THE NOISE AND—
KRSKH
GRAAARR!!

I WANT A DIFFERENT ROOM...
ARE YOU STUPID?! LADY KOCHO WILL KILL YOU!
AAAGH! INOSUKE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU BROKE THE WINDOW!
POW
GRAAAH!
SHUT UP!


GROUP STRENGTH TRAINING STARTS NOW!
STRONGER, STRONGER, STRONGER!

I SEE.
PROUD
I DON'T KNOW!

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT ?
?
THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT STRONG GUYS GATHERING FOR LESSONS OR SOMETHING!

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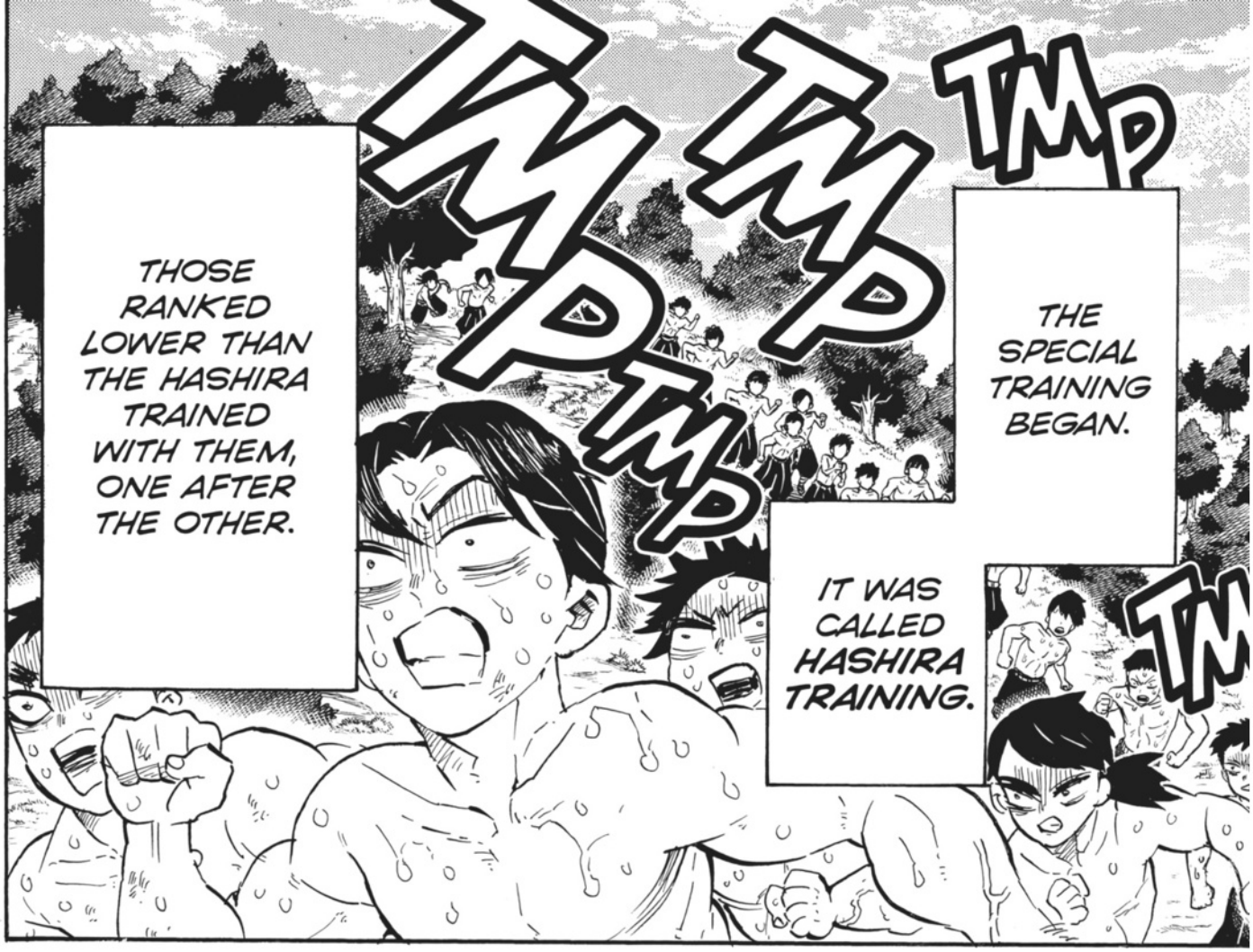
TMP
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THOSE RANKED LOWER THAN THE HASHIRA TRAINED WITH THEM, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.
THE SPECIAL TRAINING BEGAN.
IT WAS CALLED HASHIRA TRAINING.
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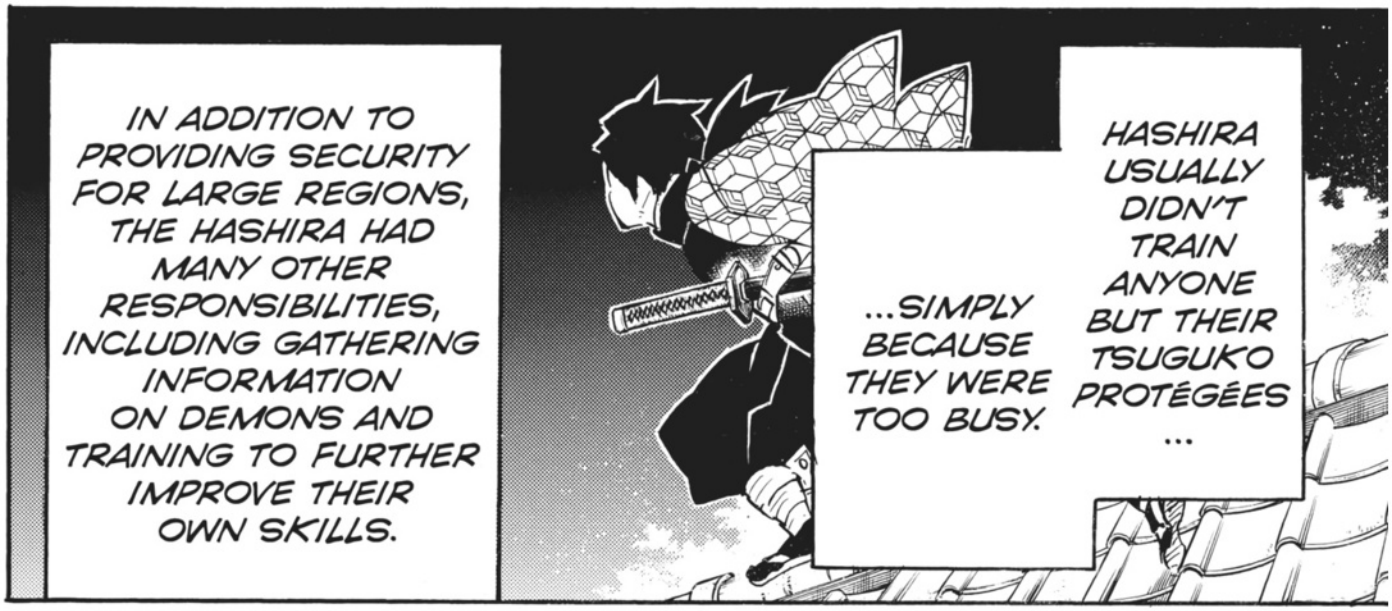
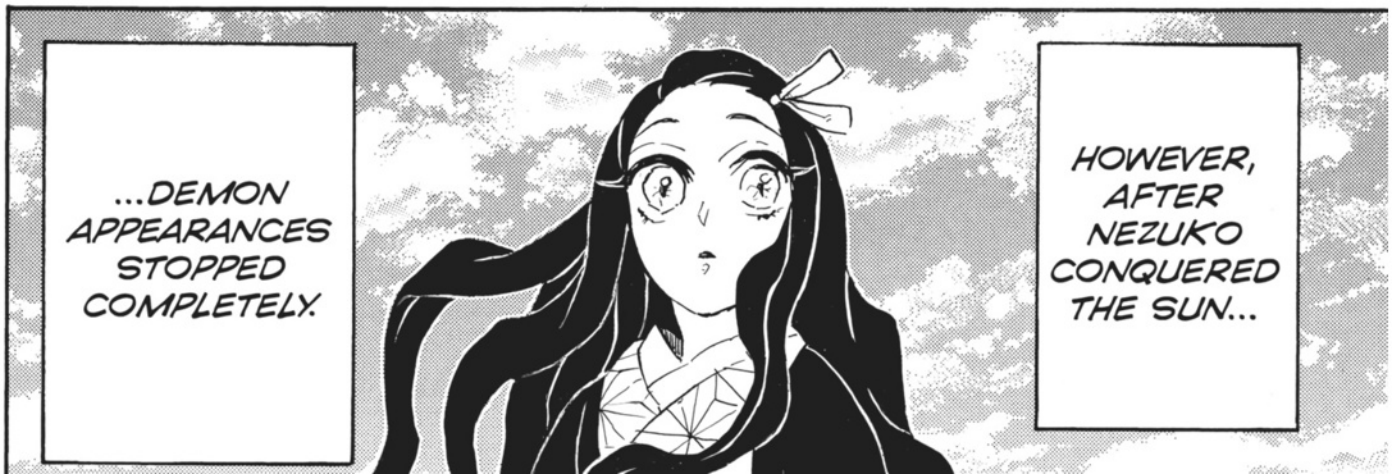
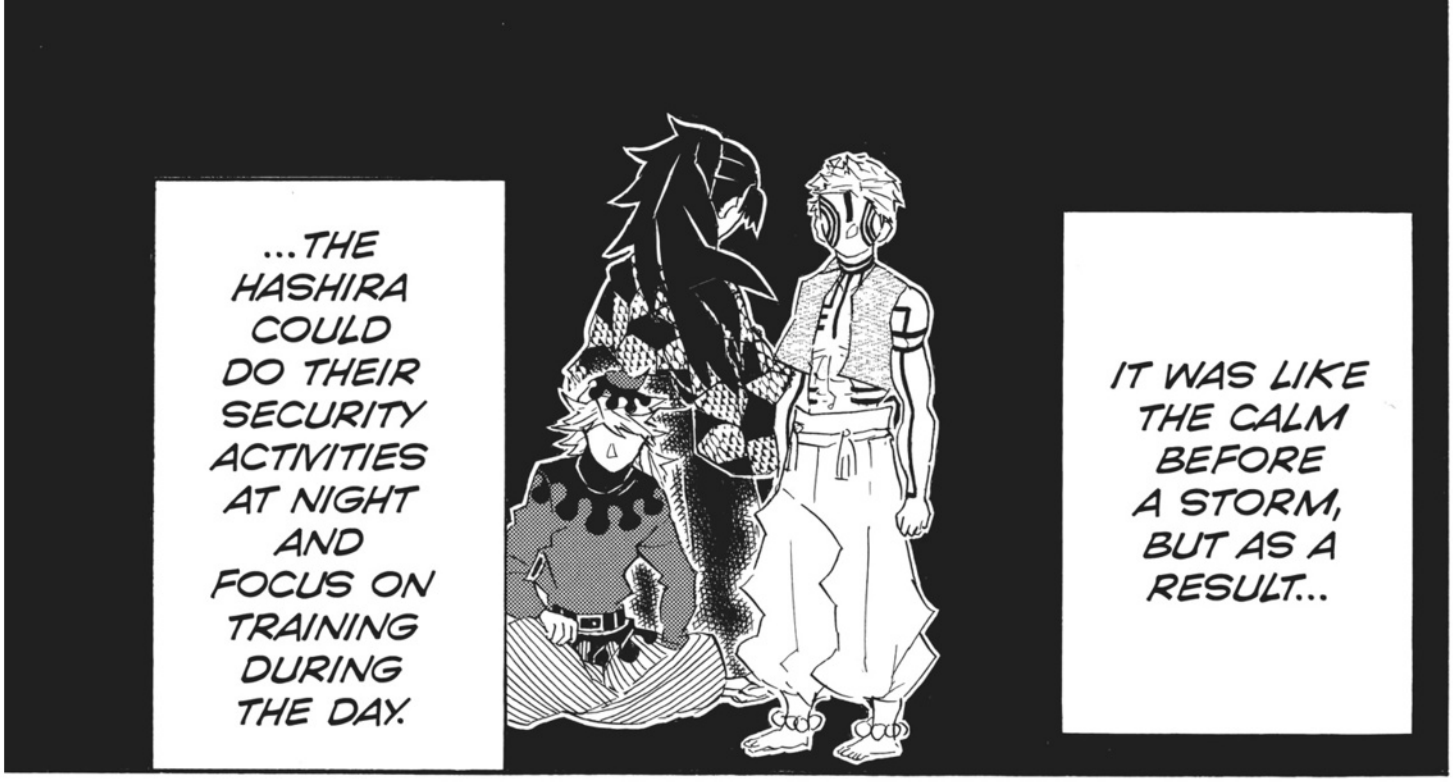
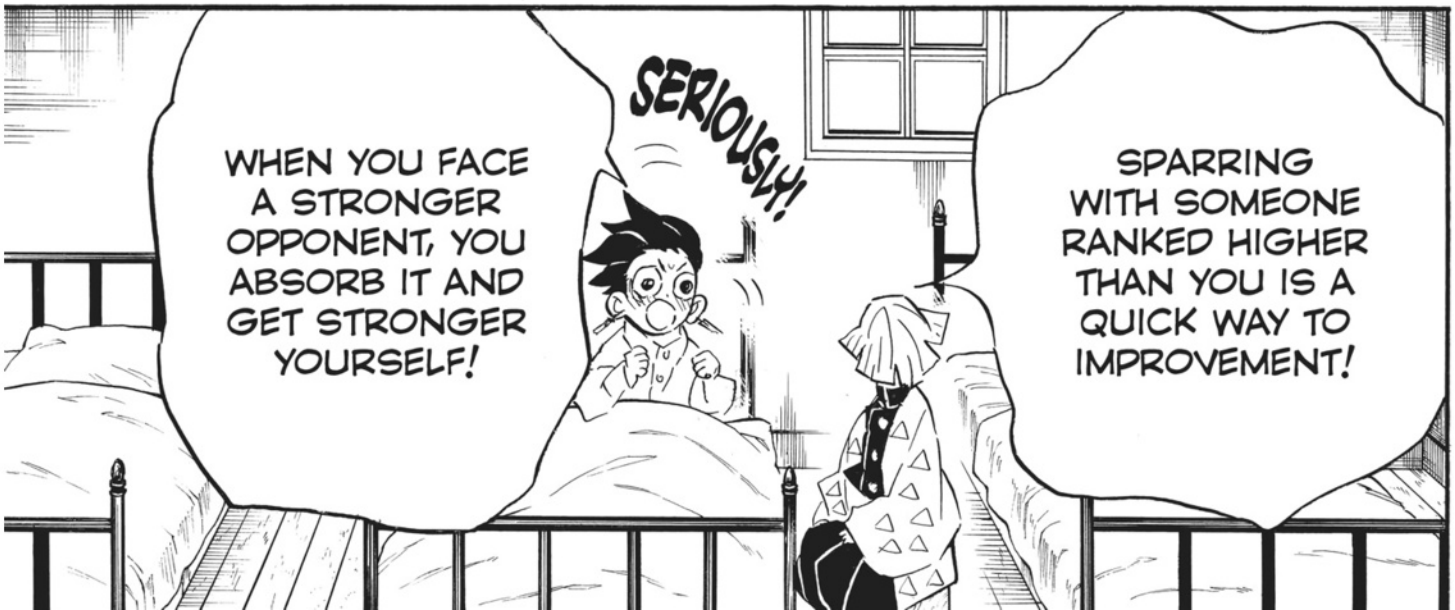

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING SECURITY FOR LARGE REGIONS, THE HASHIRA HAD MANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING GATHERING INFORMATION ON DEMONS AND TRAINING TO FURTHER IMPROVE THEIR OWN SKILLS.
...SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO BUSY.
HASHIRA USUALLY DIDN'T TRAIN ANYONE BUT THEIR TSUGUKO PROTÉGÉES ...


...DEMON APPEARANCES STOPPED COMPLETELY.
HOWEVER, AFTER NEZUKO CONQUERED THE SUN...


...THE HASHIRA COULD DO THEIR SECURITY ACTIVITIES AT NIGHT AND FOCUS ON TRAINING DURING THE DAY.
IT WAS LIKE THE CALM BEFORE A STORM, BUT AS A RESULT...

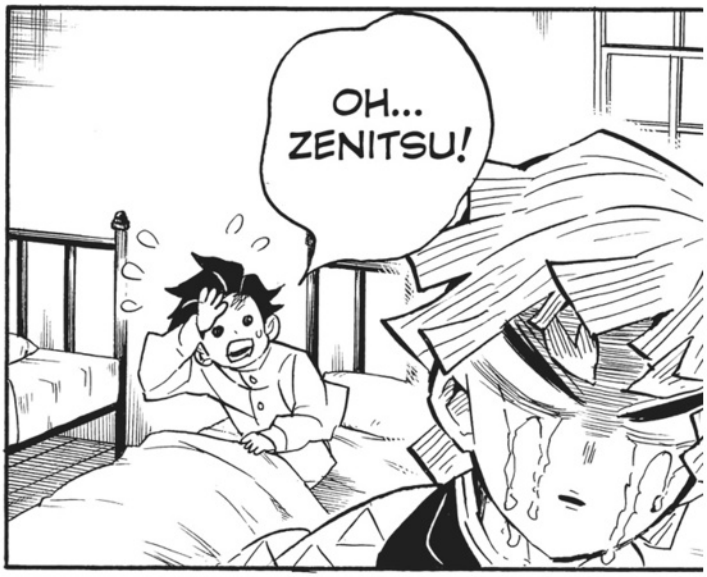
WHO THOUGHT UP SUCH A THING?!
IT'S NOT AMAZING AT ALL! IT'S AWFUL! IT'S HELL!
THEY SHOULD JUST DIE!
HEY!

REALLY? THAT'S AMAZING!
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.


WHEN YOU FACE A STRONGER OPPONENT, YOU ABSORB IT AND GET STRONGER YOURSELF!
SERIOUSLY!
SPARRING WITH SOMEONE RANKED HIGHER THAN YOU IS A QUICK WAY TO IMPROVEMENT!

CHOMP
IF YOU LIKE THE IDEA SO MUCH THEN YOU AND I ARE NO LONGER FRIENDS AS OF RIGHT NOW!
OW OW OW!
IT'S OKAY FOR YOU! YOU'RE STILL HEALING, SO YOU GET TO JUST SLEEP ALL WARM AND COZY! BUT I HAVE TO GO TO TRAIN NOW! DO YOU KNOW HOW THAT FEELS?!
SORRY, SORRY!

DON'T SPEAK TO ME!
I FORGOT TO SAY IT, BUT THANKS.
NO, NO... WAIT!


OH... ZENITSU!

...I USED A TRICK *YOU* TAUGHT ME FOR THUNDER BREATHING TO CUT OFF THE DEMON'S HEAD!
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THAT UPPER RANK 4, WHEN I COULD BARELY STAND...

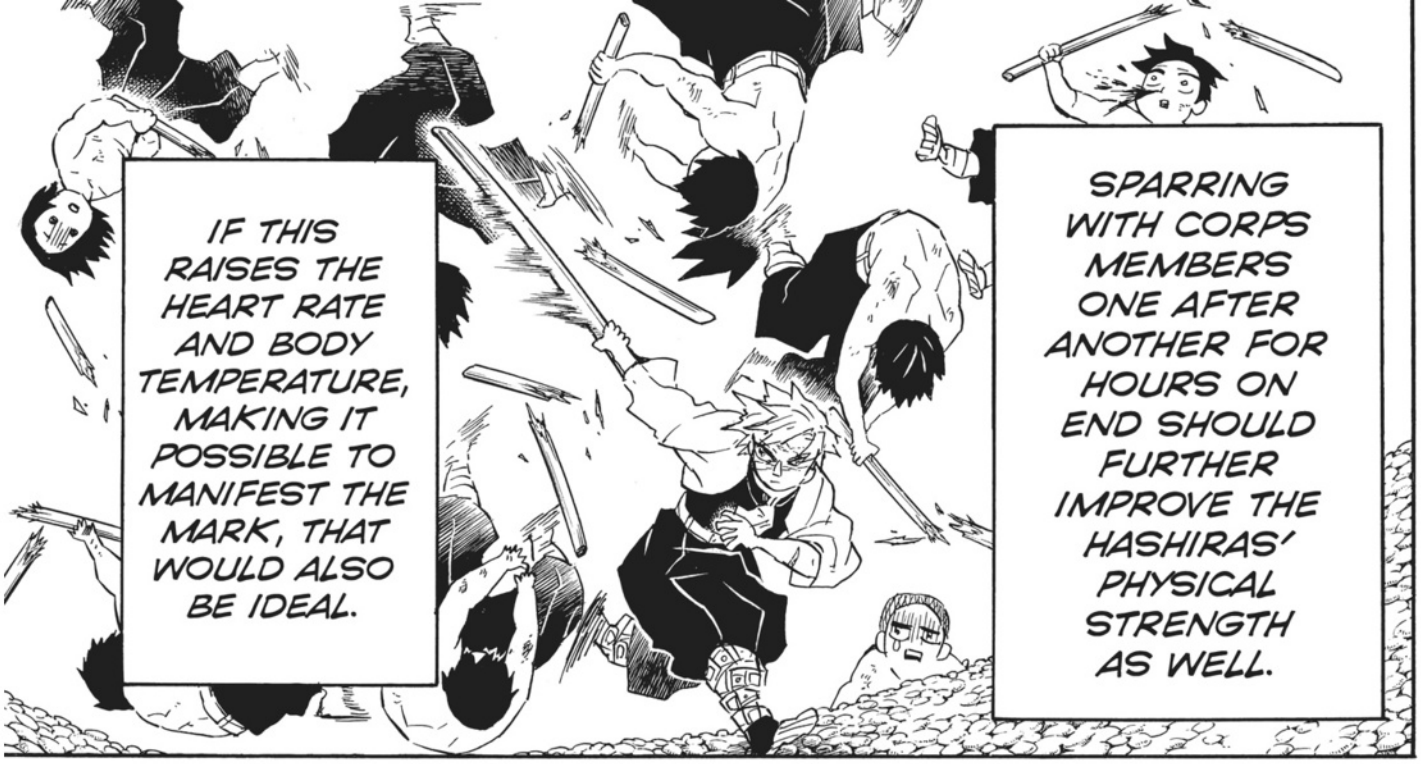
OF COURSE, I COULDN'T DO IT AS FAST AS YOU...
...BUT I'M TRULY THANK-FUL.
THAT'S HOW CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE HELP YOU GET THROUGH TIGHT SPOTS.
SO EVERY-THING YOU LEARN IN HASHIRA TRAINING ...
...WILL PAY OFF FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE!
YOU JERK!
DON'T THINK SAYING THAT CHANGES MY MOOD!
GRIN
GRIN
HE PERKED UP! GOOD!
WHEW!

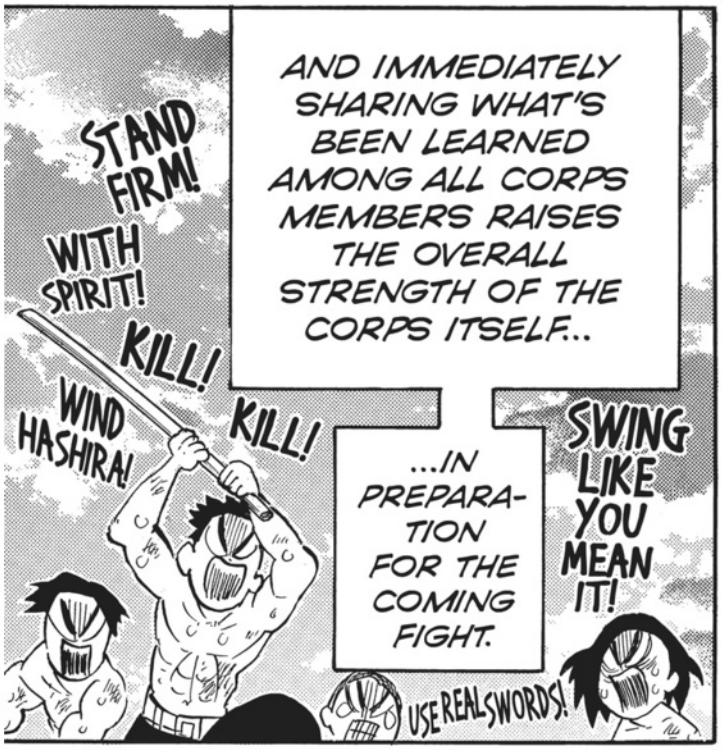
PECK
PECK
KAAAAAW!
READ IT RIGHT AWAY!
OH PLEASE
A LETTER FROM THE MASTER!
...NO ONE COULD DO ANYTHING!
WITH-OUT ME...
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR? THAT'S MEAN!
KAAAW!
GYAAH!
I'M BLEED-ING!
WOW...! I WONDER WHAT IT IS!
MPH!
A LETTER? FOR ME?!
HE WENT TO ALL THAT TROUBLE?

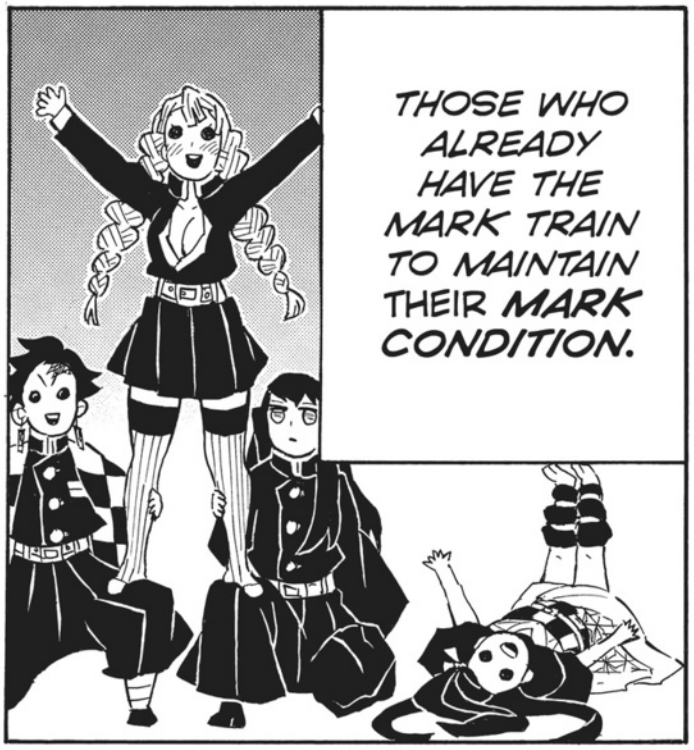
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? I DON'T GET YOU GUYS!
YOU'RE LATE! YOU'RE LATE!
FOR ONE THING, YOU'RE COMPLETELY OUT OF SHAPE!
EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO SIMPLY RUNNING!
IF YOU'RE THIS SLOW, BEATING AN UPPER-RANK DEMON IS JUST A PIPE DREAM!
HASHIRA TRAINING, FIRST TRIAL—
TOTAL LOSERS!
IT ISN'T BREAK TIME YET! GET BACK TO RUNNING!
SWA
KK
ENOUGH! ENOUGH! STOP LICKING THE GROUND!
TOTAL LOSERS!
YOU'RE WORTHLESS!

HASHIRA TRAIN-ING ...
...BEGINS WITH GRUELING BASIC PHYSICAL FITNESS WORKOUTS WITH UZUI...
...FOLLOWED BY LESSONS FROM MITSURI KANROJI IN HELLISH FLEXIBILITY AND MUICHIRO TOKITO IN HIGH-SPEED MOVEMENT.

NEXT COMES SWORDS-MANSHIP WITH THE SERPENT HASHIRA...
...THEN LESSONS IN MAKING INFINITE STRIKES WITH THE WIND HASHIRA AND STRENGTH TRAINING WITH THE STONE HASHIRA.


IF THIS RAISES THE HEART RATE AND BODY TEMPERATURE, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO MANIFEST THE MARK, THAT WOULD ALSO BE IDEAL.
SPARRING WITH CORPS MEMBERS ONE AFTER ANOTHER FOR HOURS ON END SHOULD FURTHER IMPROVE THE HASHIRAS' PHYSICAL STRENGTH AS WELL.

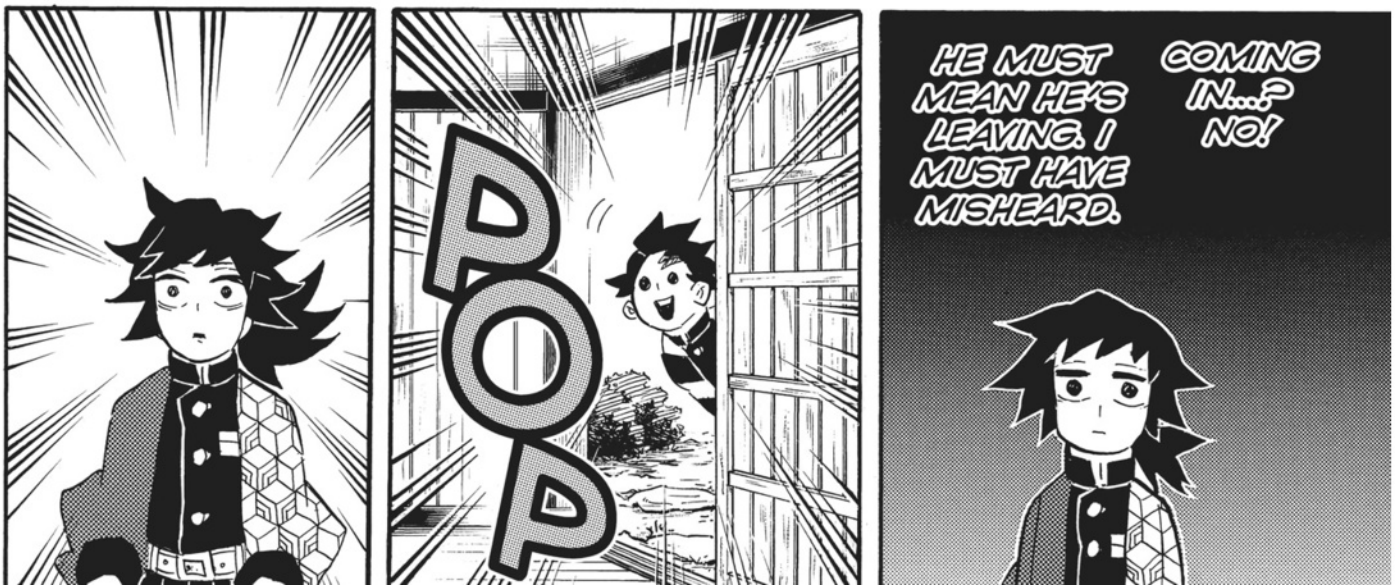

AND IMMEDIATELY SHARING WHAT'S BEEN LEARNED AMONG ALL CORPS MEMBERS RAISES THE OVERALL STRENGTH OF THE CORPS ITSELF...
...IN PREPARA-TION FOR THE COMING FIGHT.
STAND FIRM!
WITH SPIRIT!
KILL!
WIND HASHIRA!
KILL!
SWING LIKE YOU MEAN IT!
USE REAL SWORDS!


THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE THE MARK TRAIN TO MAINTAIN THEIR MARK CONDITION.

EXCEPT FOR ONE MAN.

HELLO THERE...!
EXCUSE ME...
PARDON ME...!
... TOMIOKA?

WELL... I'M COMING IN!
HELLO ...?
... TANJIRO KAMADO!
GIYU! IT'S ME...

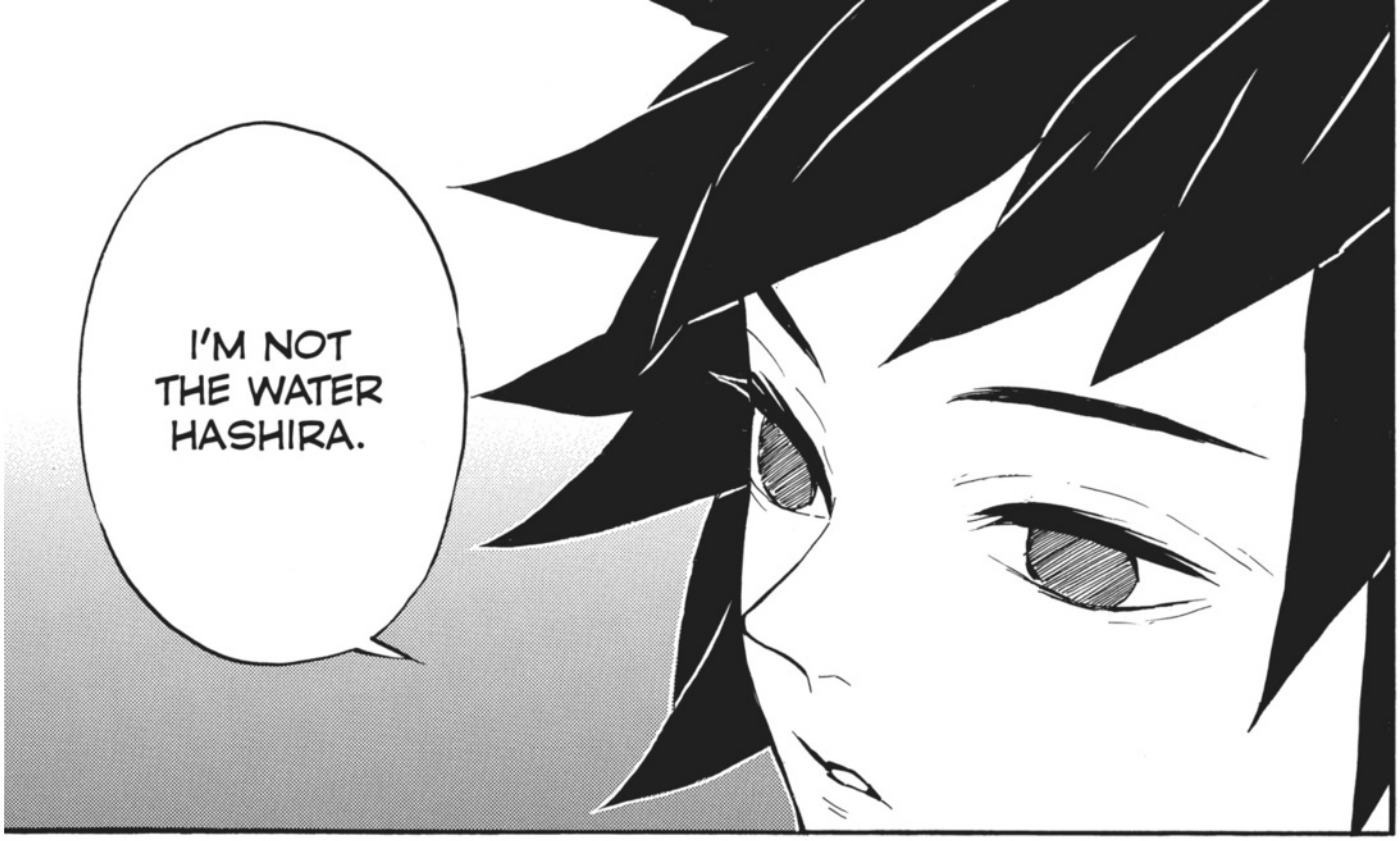

POP
HE MUST MEAN HE'S LEAVING. I MUST HAVE MISHEARD.
COMING IN...? NO!

OH! YOU KNEW? GOOD!
HE'S SO CLOSE!
CLAP
BONE STILL HEALING
I KNOW.
ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW WE'RE ALL TRAINING!

NO.
WILL YOU GIVE ME LESSONS?
IN SEVEN DAYS, I'LL HAVE PERMISSION TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY.

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BECOME THE WATER HASHIRA.
I'M ANGRY THAT YOU DIDN'T FULLY MASTER WATER BREATHING.
YOU SMELL A LITTLE ANGRY... WHAT ARE YOU MAD ABOUT?
WHY NOT?
SNIFF
SNIFF

I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.
BUT I TALKED TO UROKODAKI.
HE SAID THAT IT ISN'T UNUSUAL TO CHANGE THE BREATHING YOU USE OR TO GIVE BIRTH TO A NEW STYLE.
AND THAT WATER BREATHING TECHNIQUES ARE ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO THE BASICS, SO THEY GIVE RISE TO MANY NEW STYLES.
DON'T SAY THAT.
THERE'S CURRENTLY NO WATER HASHIRA! SOMEONE MUST FILL THAT ROLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THERE'S NO WATER HASHIRA?
?
?
WHAT ABOUT *YOU*, GIYU?
?


I'M NOT THE WATER HASHIRA.

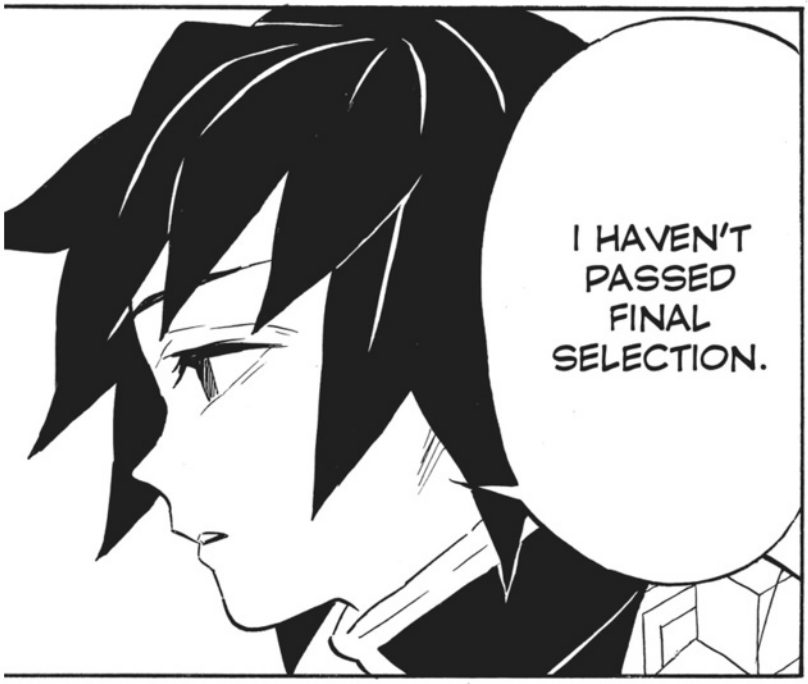
TAN-JIRO
...
...HOW ARE YOUR INJURIES?

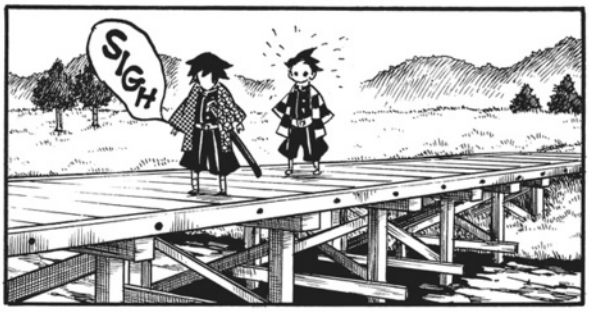
NOW GO.

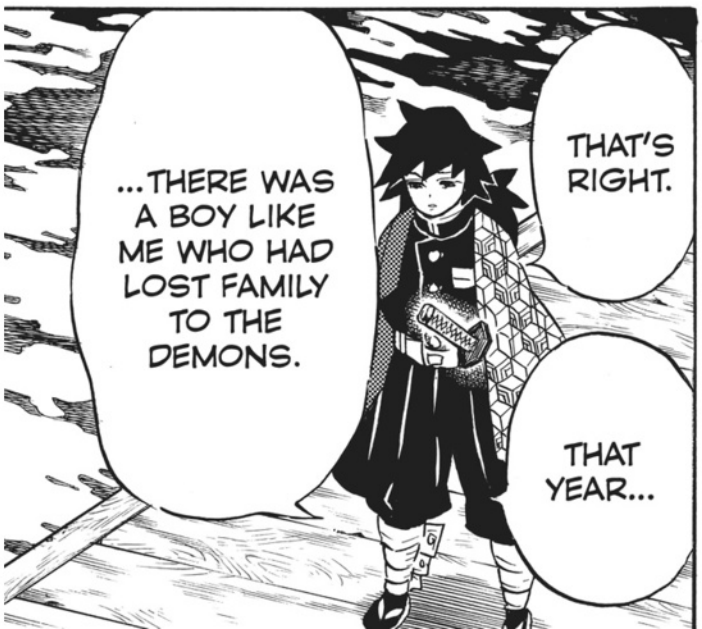
...I DON'T THINK I CAN.
...
BUT
...
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH GIYU...
UNFORTU-NATELY, I'M UNABLE TO MOVE.

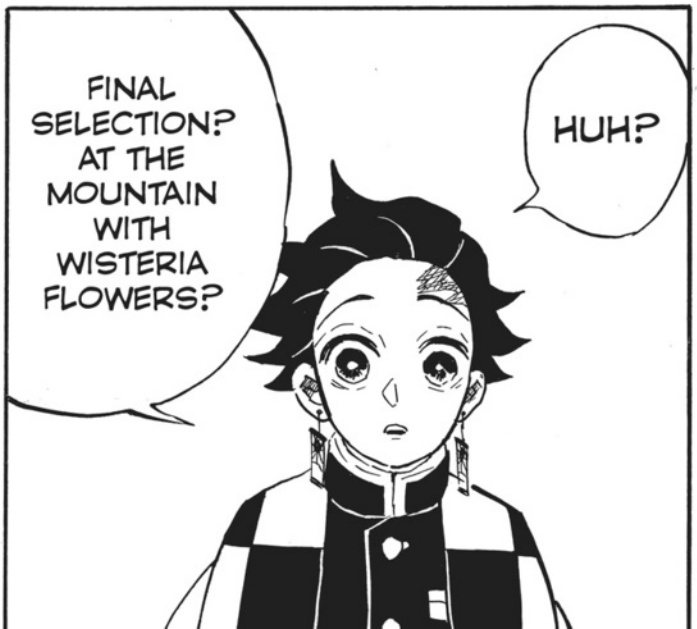
THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TIME.
WE MUST ALL COME TOGETHER AND DO OUR BEST.
WOULD YOU PLEASE TALK TO GIYU?
HE ALWAYS TURNS HIS BACK AND GOES IT ALONE.
HELP HIM FACE FOR-WARD.
HMPF
WILL YOU BE PERSISTENT WHEN YOU TALK TO HIM?
I WILL!
TANJIRO TOOK THE MASTER'S WORDS AT FACE VALUE.
HE HUNG AROUND GIYU NIGHT AND DAY AND TALKED ALL THE TIME.
GIYU !
WHAT'S WRONG, GIYU?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
HE TALKED CEASELESSLY.

*SIGN: LAVATORY



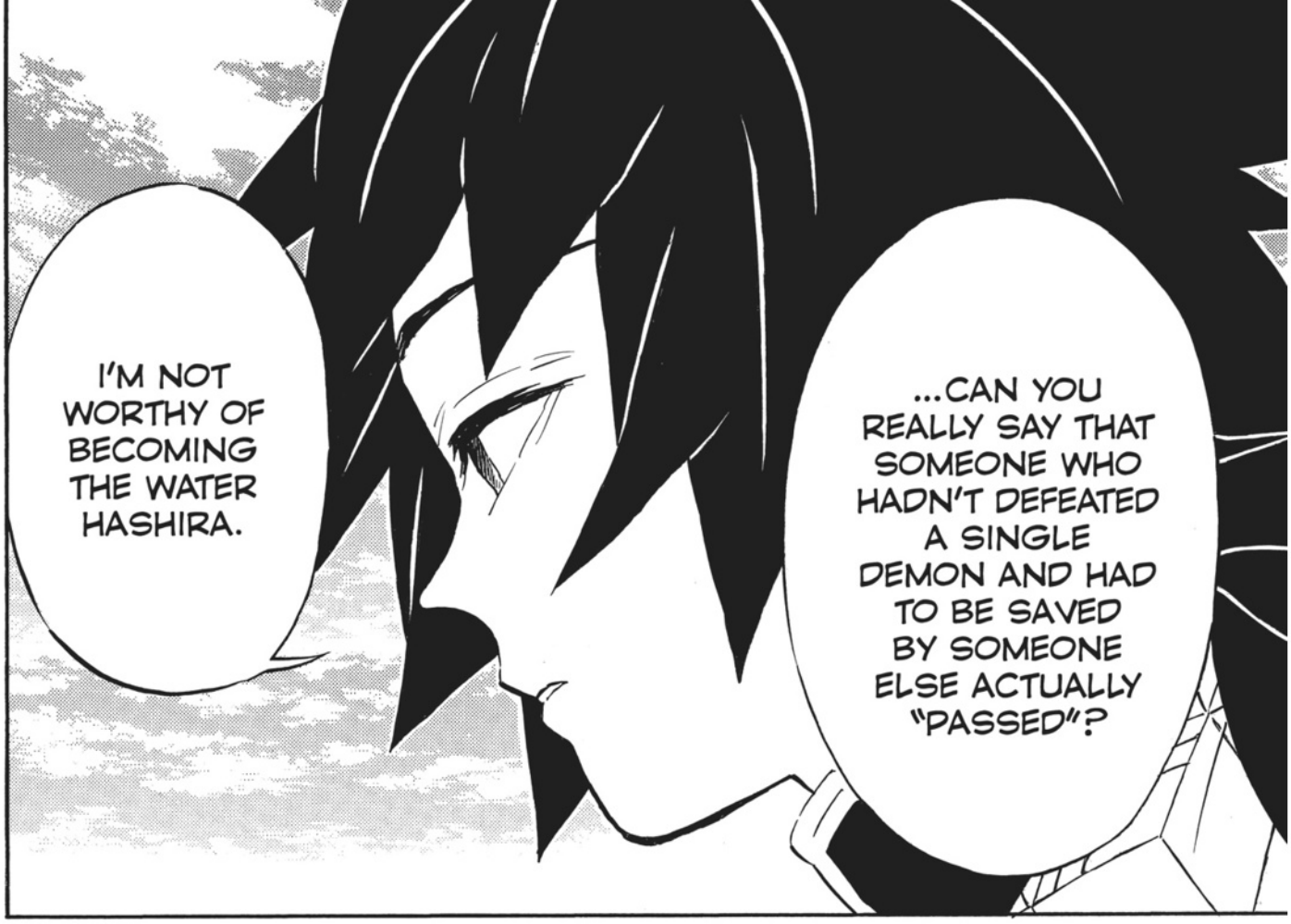


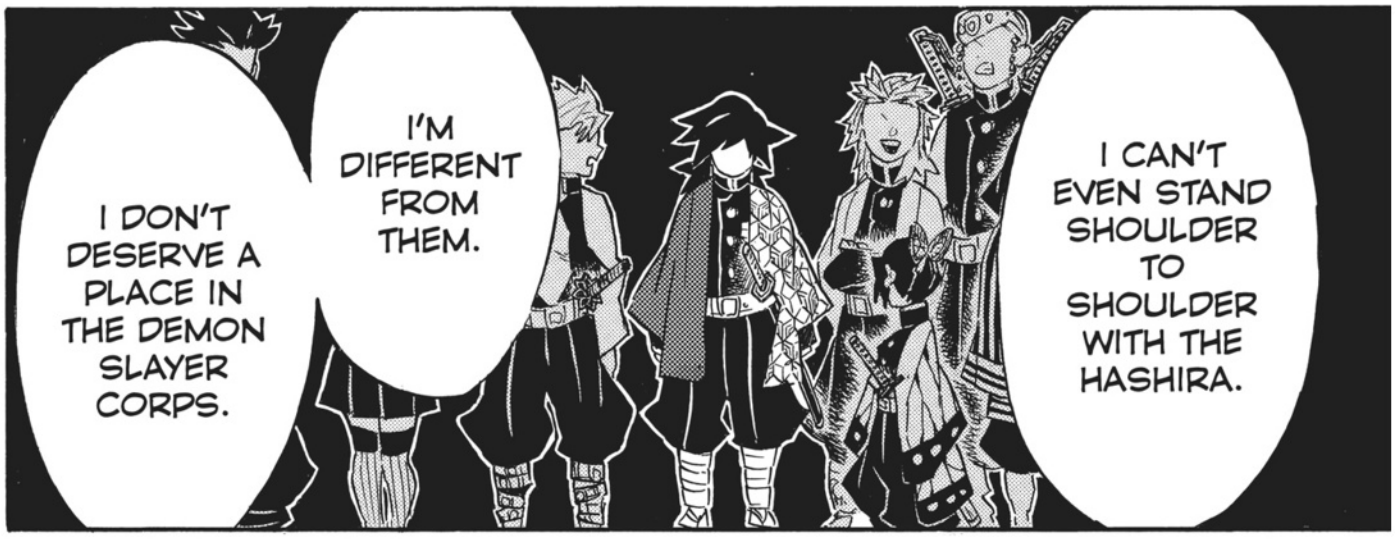


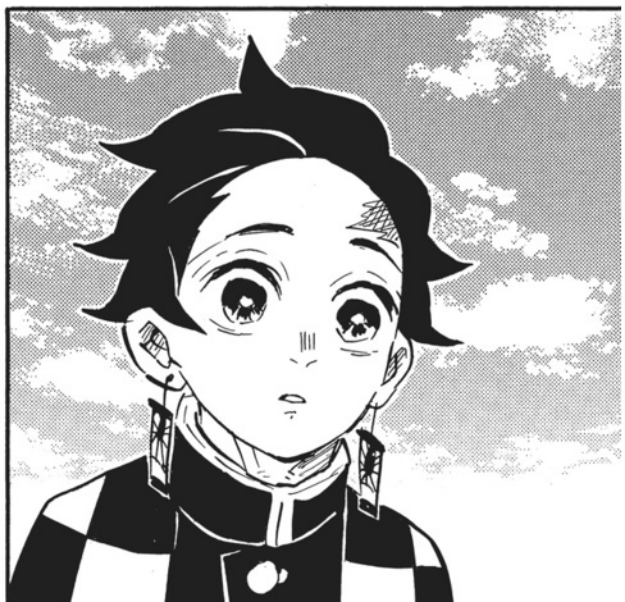


HIS NAME WAS *SABITO*.
HE HAD FLESH-COLORED HAIR. WE TOOK THE FINAL SELECTION TOGETHER.
WE WERE BOTH 13 YEARS OLD.
THE SAME AGE AND ALONE, WE QUICKLY BONDED.
SABITO HAD A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE AND WAS A KIND BOY.
HE WAS ALSO THE ONLY ONE TO DIE IN FINAL SELECTION THAT YEAR.

HE KILLED ALL THE DEMONS ON THAT MOUNTAIN ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY...
...AND YET EVERYONE BUT *HIM* PASSED.
I WAS INJURED BY THE FIRST DEMON THAT ATTACKED AND I FELL INTO A DAZE.
SABITO CAME TO MY AID.
HE ENTRUSTED ME TO ANOTHER BOY...
...AND LEFT IN THE DIRECTION OF VOICES CALLING FOR HELP.
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, FINAL SELECTION WAS OVER.
I HAD SOMEHOW SURVIVED THE SEVEN DAYS OF FINAL SELECTION AND PASSED, BUT...


I'M NOT WORTHY OF BECOMING THE WATER HASHIRA.
...CAN YOU REALLY SAY THAT SOMEONE WHO HADN'T DEFEATED A SINGLE DEMON AND HAD TO BE SAVED BY SOMEONE ELSE ACTUALLY "PASSED"?


I DON'T DESERVE A PLACE IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.
I'M DIFFERENT FROM THEM.
I CAN'T EVEN STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE HASHIRA.

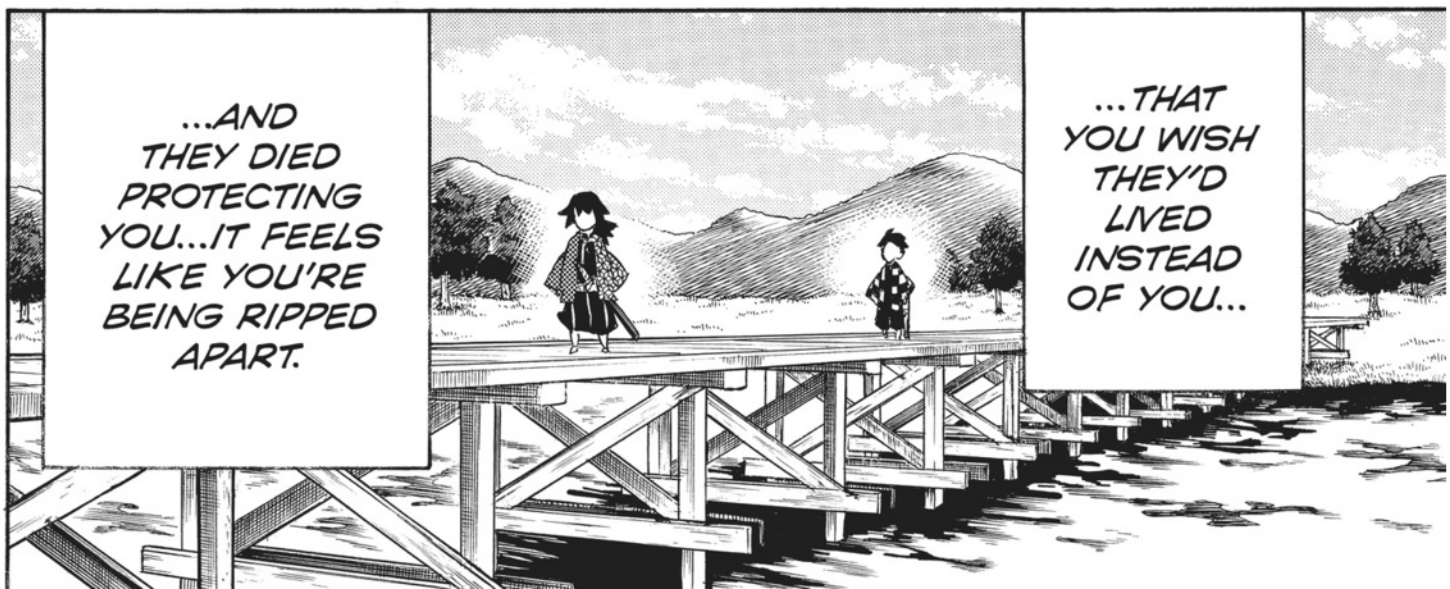


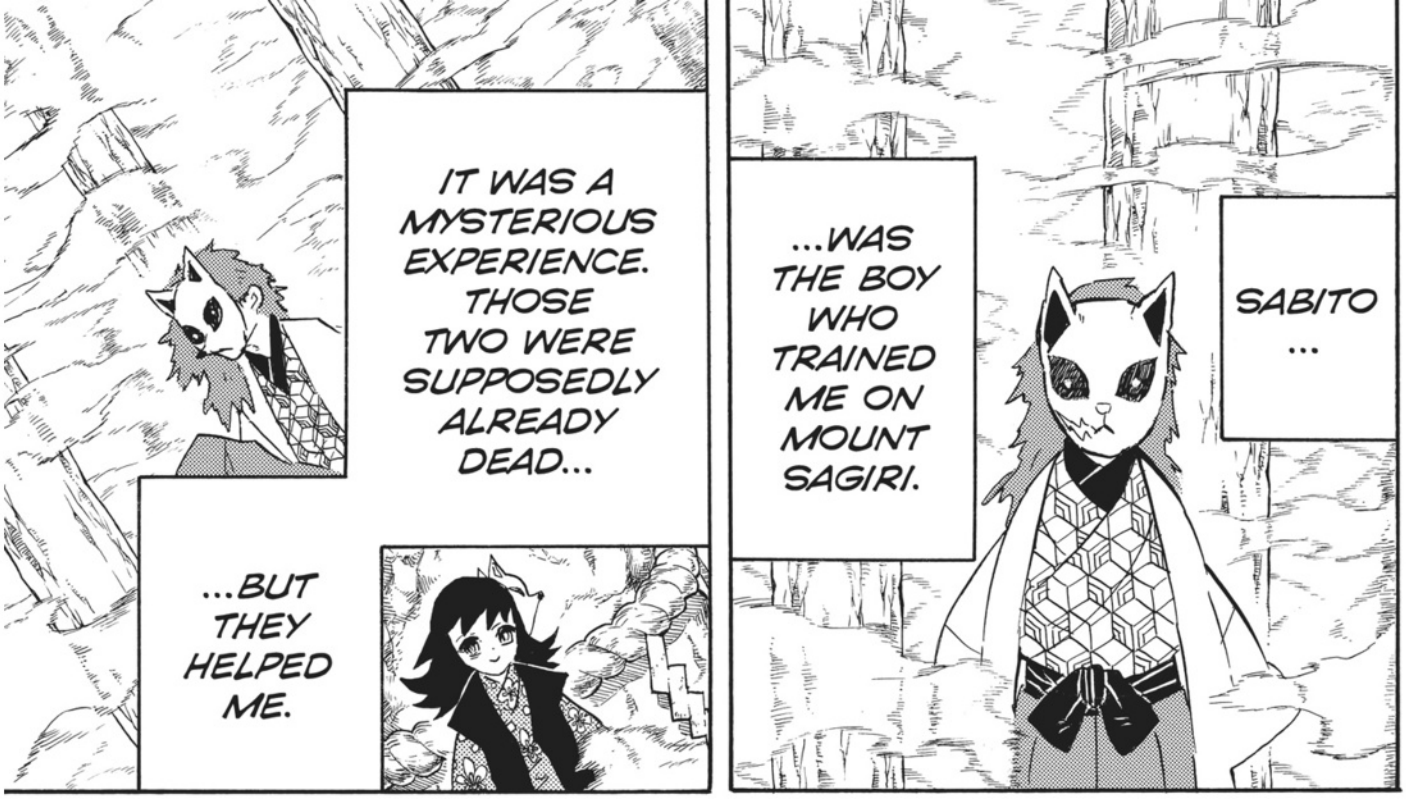
I WON'T MANIFEST THE MARK... ALTHOUGH SABITO MIGHT HAVE.
HAVE A HASHIRA GIVE YOU LESSONS. THAT WOULD BE BEST.
IT'S A WASTE OF YOUR TIME.
DON'T BOTHER WITH ME ANYMORE.

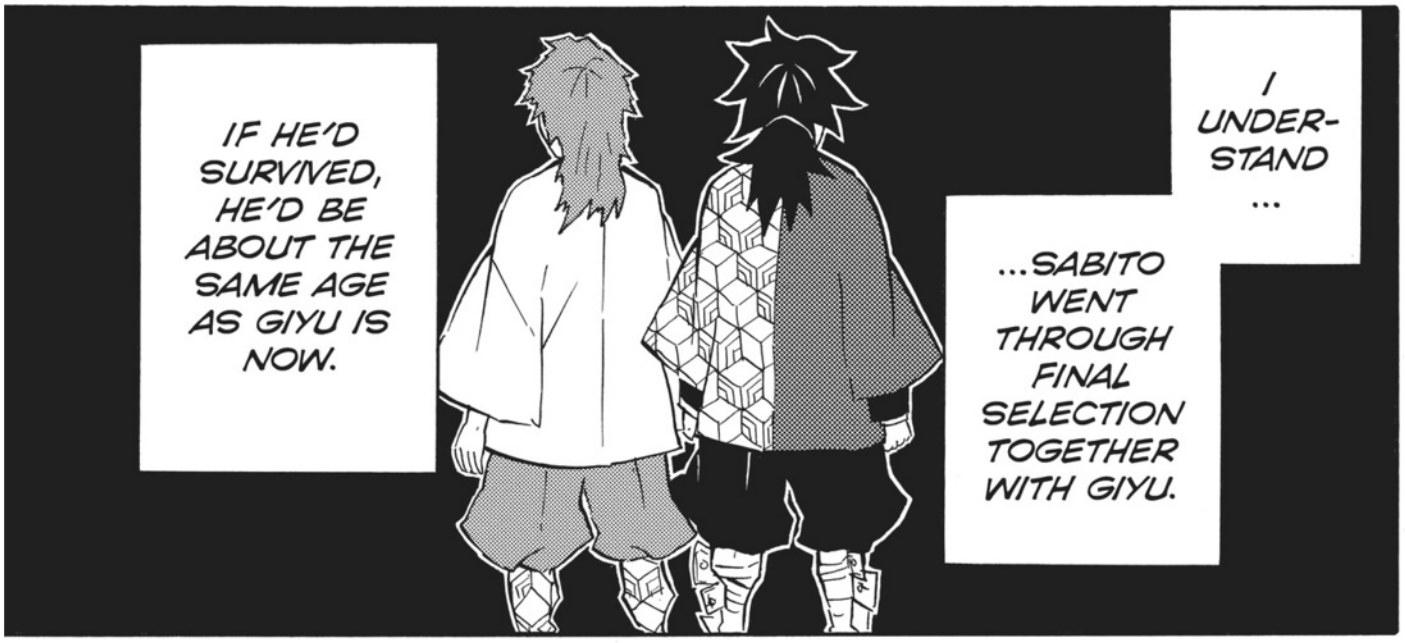
CHAPTER 131: VISITOR

I BET...
...GIYU WISHES THAT HE'D DIED.

WHEN SOMEONE DIES, SOMEONE WHO IS SO IMPORTANT...
I UNDER-STAND SO WELL IT HURTS.

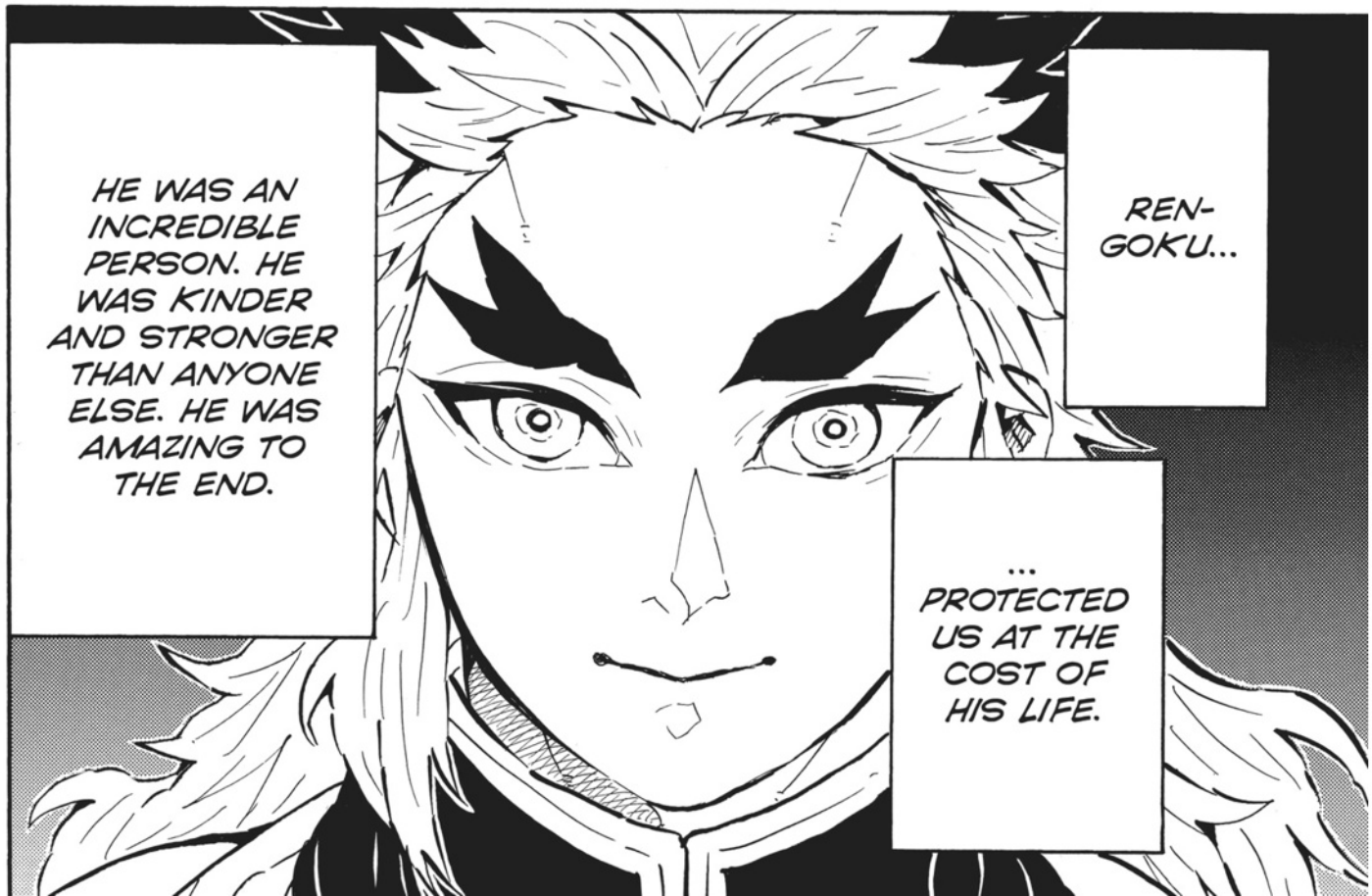

...AND THEY DIED PROTECTING YOU...IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE BEING RIPPED APART.
...THAT YOU WISH THEY'D LIVED INSTEAD OF YOU...

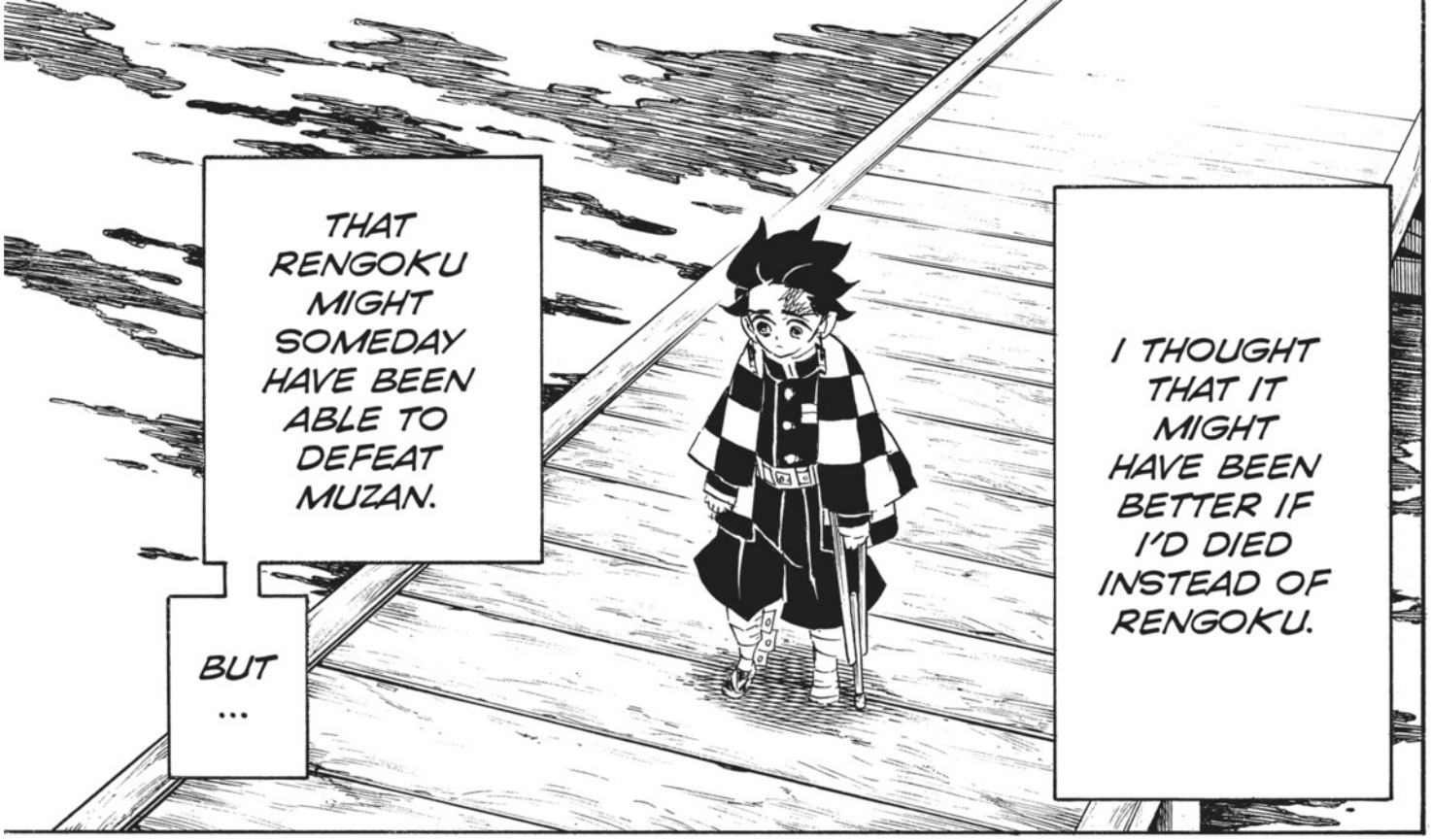

IT WAS A MYSTERIOUS EXPERIENCE. THOSE TWO WERE SUPPOSEDLY ALREADY DEAD...
...BUT THEY HELPED ME.
...WAS THE BOY WHO TRAINED ME ON MOUNT SAGIRI.
SABITO ...


IF HE'D SURVIVED, HE'D BE ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS GIYU IS NOW.
...SABITO WENT THROUGH FINAL SELECTION TOGETHER WITH GIYU.
I UNDER-STAND ...

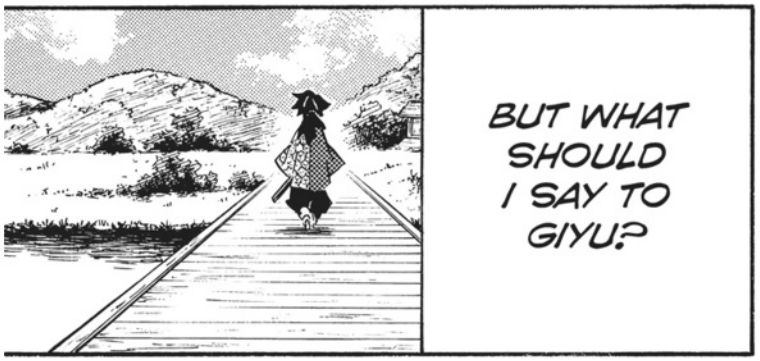
I COULDN'T DO THAT! I WAS TOO BUSY DEFENDING MYSELF.
AT FINAL SELECTION, HE SAVED EVERYONE!
THAT'S REALLY INCRED-IBLE.

THAT MUST BE ANOTHER REASON WHY GIYU THINKS IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF HE HAD DIED INSTEAD.
IF SABITO HAD LIVED, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN AN INCREDIBLE SWORDSMAN!
I UNDER-STAND ...
...BECAUSE I THOUGHT THE SAME THING.


REN-GOKU...
... PROTECTED US AT THE COST OF HIS LIFE.
HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE PERSON. HE WAS KINDER AND STRONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE. HE WAS AMAZING TO THE END.

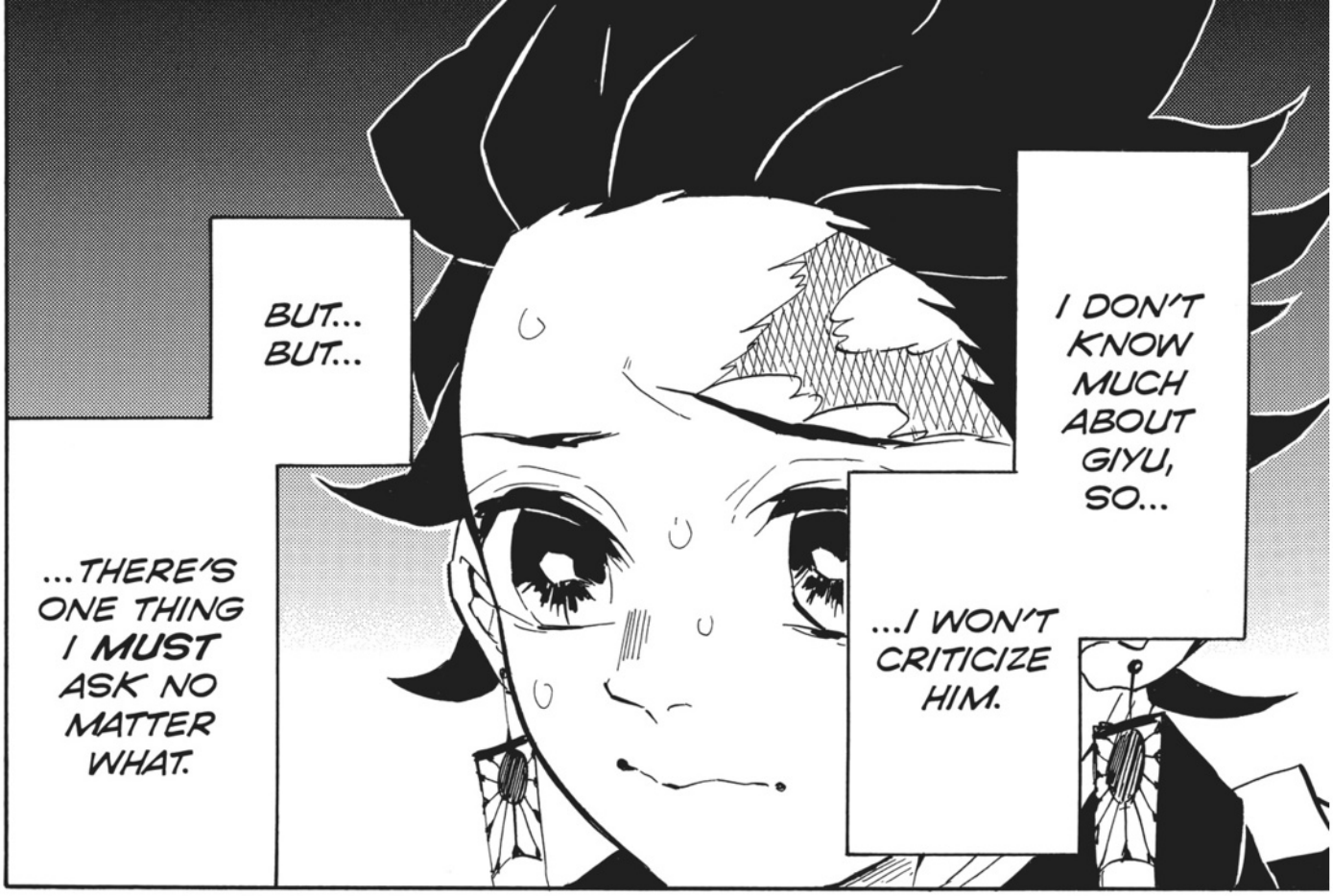

I THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I'D DIED INSTEAD OF RENGOKU.
THAT RENGOKU MIGHT SOMEDAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT MUZAN.
BUT ...

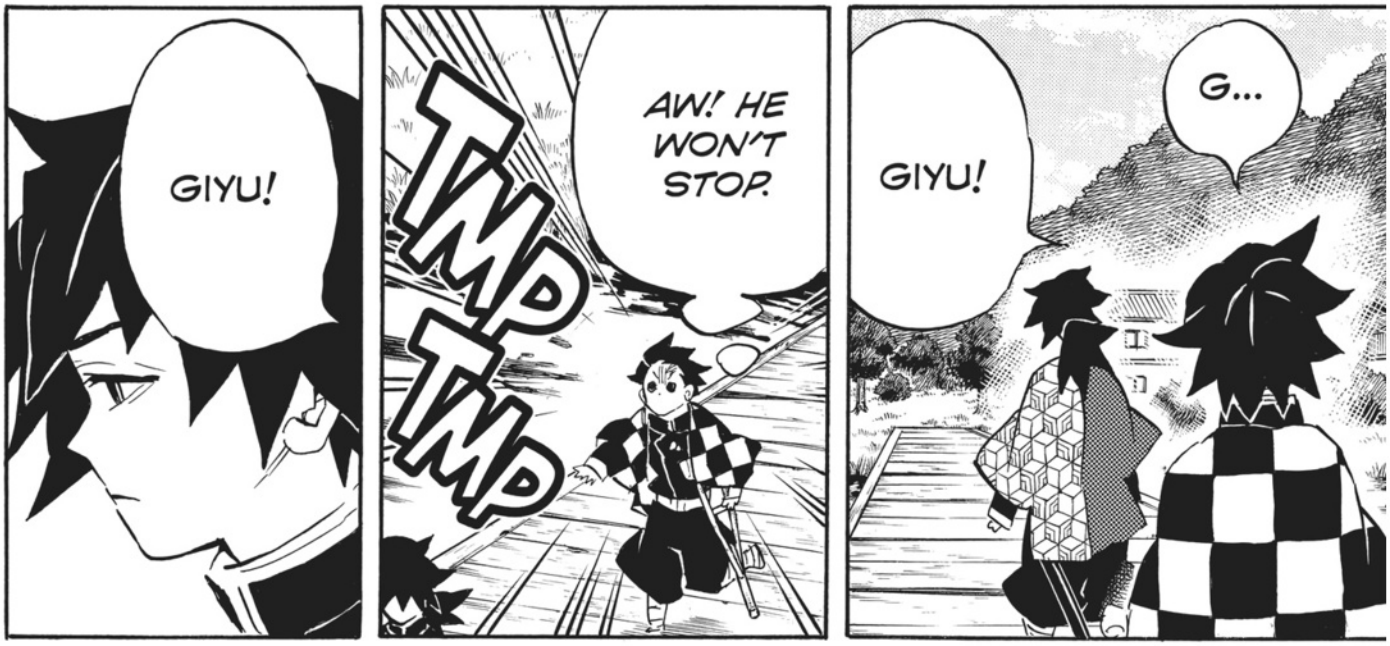
THAT'S RIGHT... THAT'S RIGHT.
YEAH ...
YEAH ...

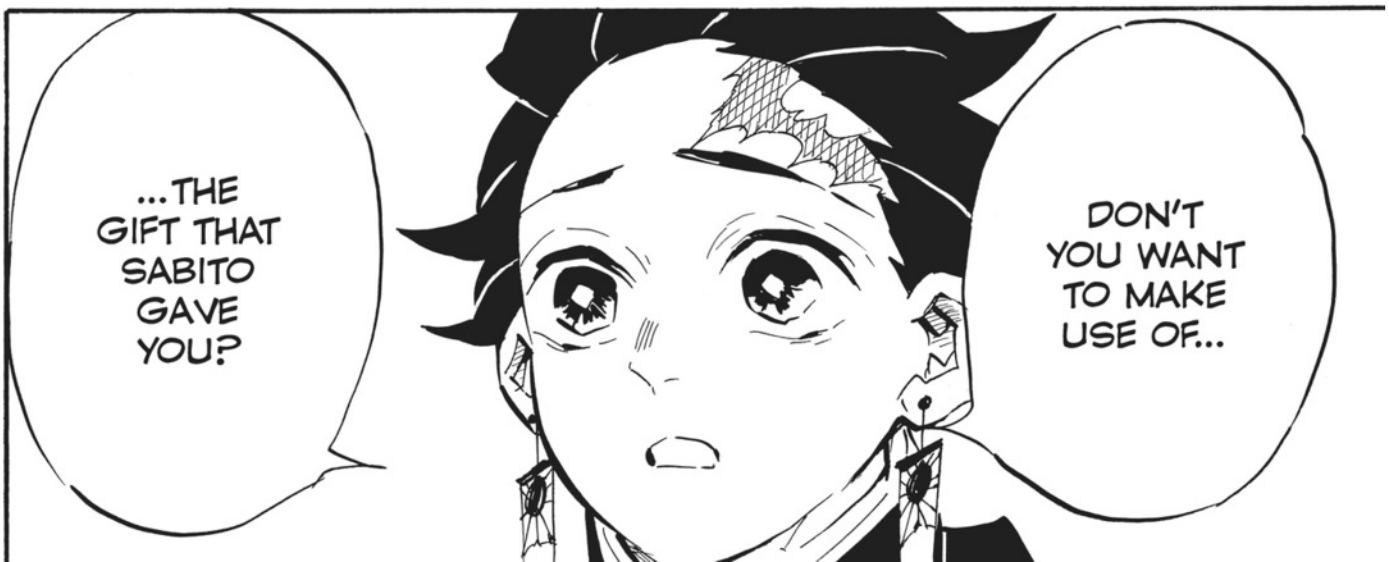

BUT WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO GIYU?

...SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN LIVING UP TO THAT!
HE SAID HE BELIEVED IN US...

HE MUST HAVE DRIVEN HIMSELF HARD, STRUGGLED ON HIS WAY UP AND SUFFERED A LOT!
GIYU DOESN'T SEE IT HIMSELF, BUT HE HAS BECOME A HASHIRA!
NO MATTER HOW WRETCHED OR ASHAMED YOU FEEL, YOU HAVE TO KEEP LIVING.


I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT GIYU, SO...
...I WON'T CRITICIZE HIM.
BUT... BUT...
...THERE'S ONE THING I MUST ASK NO MATTER WHAT.


G...
GIYU!
AW! HE WON'T STOP.
TMP TMP
GIYU!


DON'T YOU WANT TO MAKE USE OF...
...THE GIFT THAT SABITO GAVE YOU?

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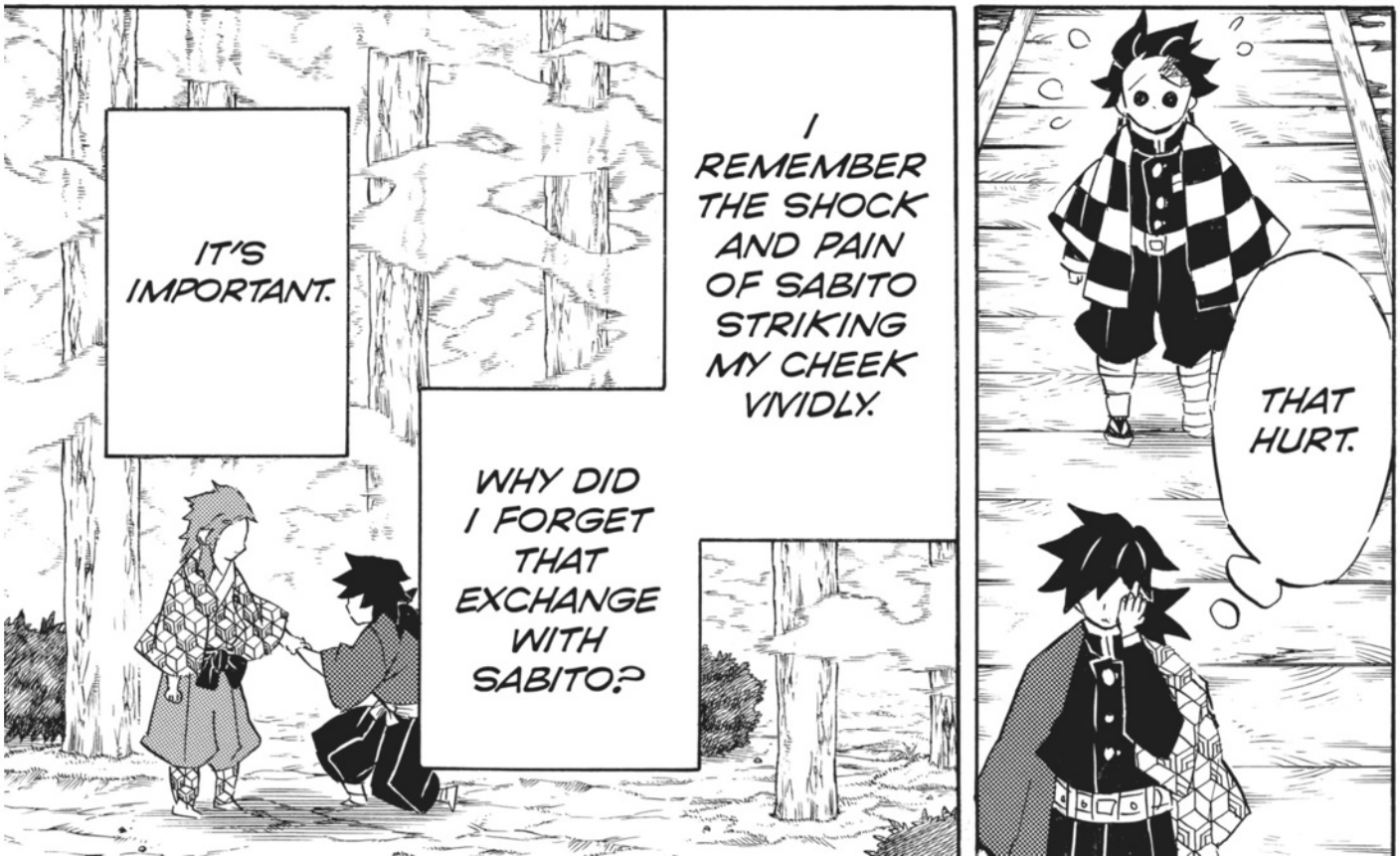
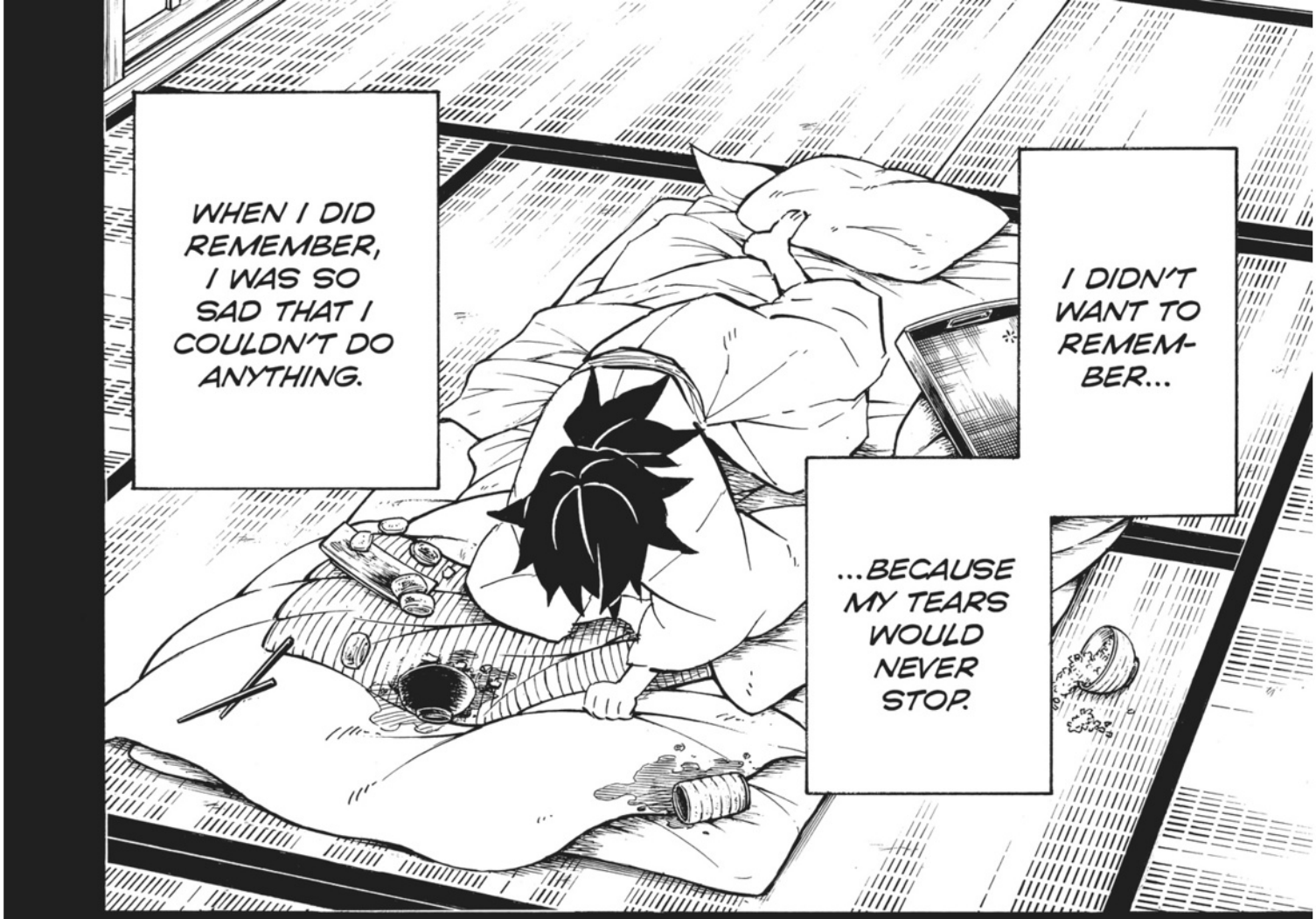
THMP
S...
SABITO ...!

IF YOU DO, WE'RE THROUGH!
I WON'T BE YOUR FRIEND!
DON'T YOU EVER SAY THAT YOU WISH...
...THAT YOU HAD DIED AGAIN!
YOU AND NO ONE ELSE! SO DON'T DISRESPECT HER DEATH LIKE THAT!
AND YET SHE HID AND PROTECTED YOU FROM A DEMON!
YOUR OLDER SISTER WAS GETTING MARRIED THE NEXT DAY!
...AND TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE!
YOUR SISTER SACRIFICED HER LIFE TO SAVE YOURS...
YOU BETTER STAY ALIVE.

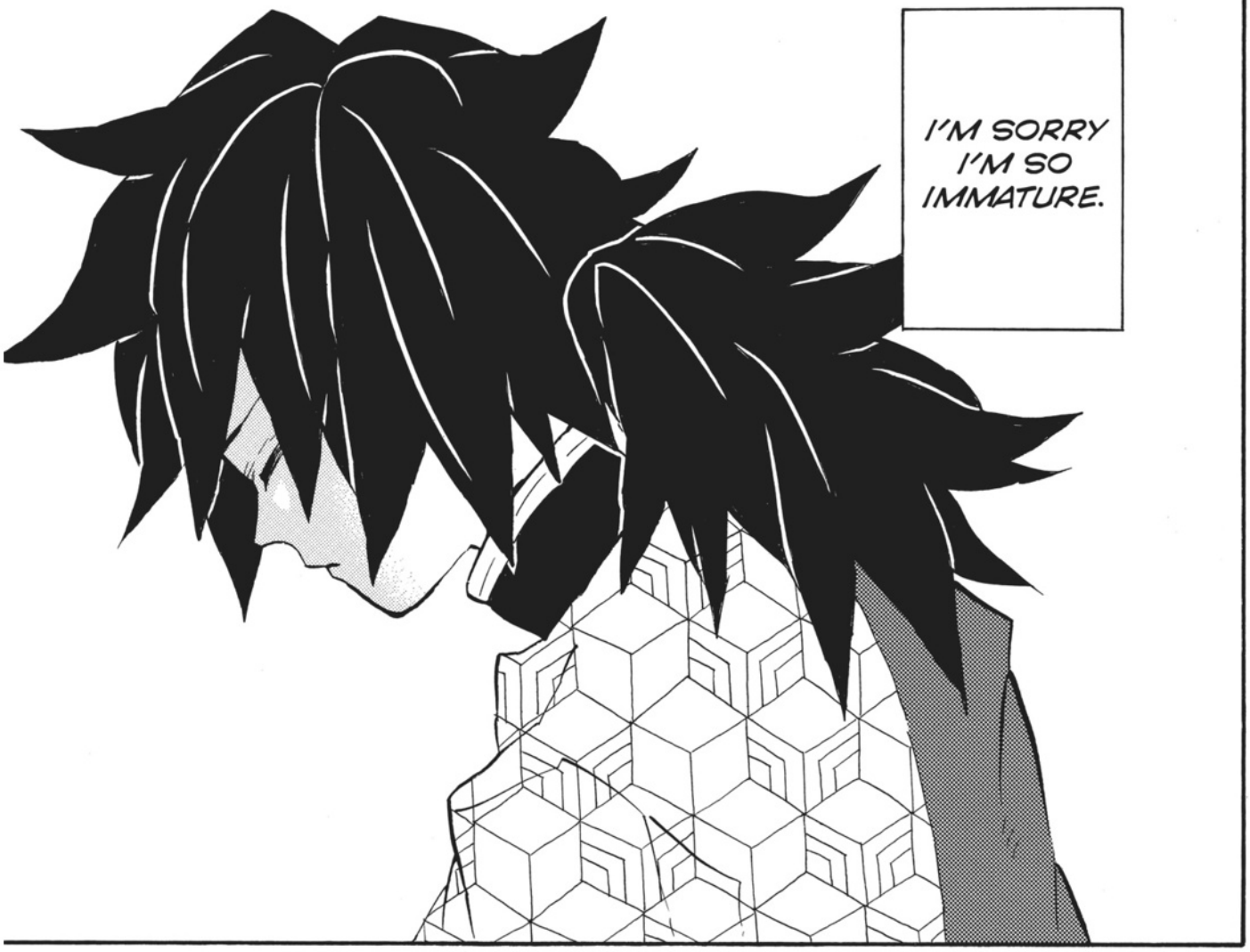
SO YOU MUST CARRY ON LIVING...
...GIYU.


I REMEMBER THE SHOCK AND PAIN OF SABITO STRIKING MY CHEEK VIVIDLY.
IT'S IMPORTANT.
WHY DID I FORGET THAT EXCHANGE WITH SABITO?
THAT HURT.

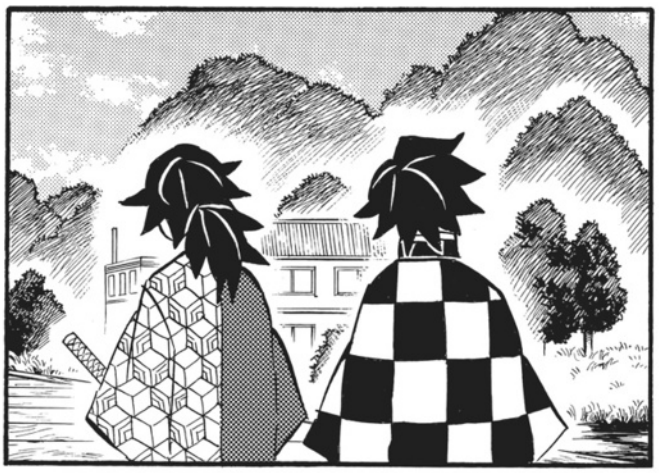

WHEN I DID REMEMBER, I WAS SO SAD THAT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
I DIDN'T WANT TO REMEMBER...
...BECAUSE MY TEARS WOULD NEVER STOP.

TSUTAKO...

SABITO...


I'M SORRY I'M SO IMMATURE.

OH NO! WAS I TOO MEAN?
HE ALREADY SEEMED PRETTY DEPRESSED.
DID I JUST MAKE THINGS WORSE?



HE ISN'T REACTING AT ALL.
UH-OH...

MAYBE WE COULD HAVE AN EATING CONTEST!
I KNOW!

HE DOESN'T LIKE TO TALK, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO TALK DURING AN EATING CONTEST! IT'S A GREAT IDEA!

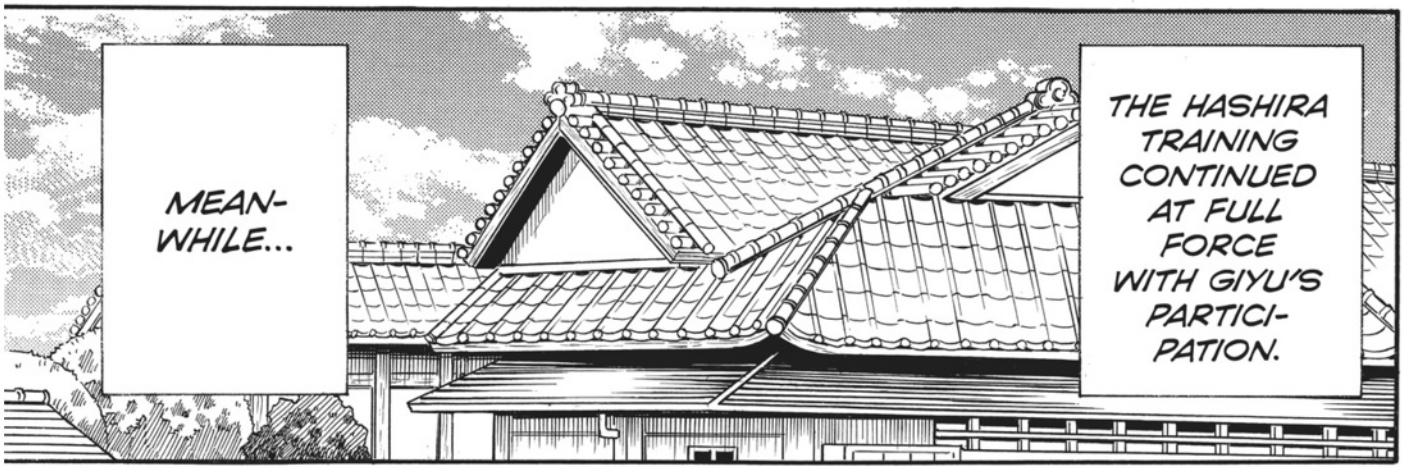
I STILL DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY, SO WE CAN'T SPAR.

AND IF I WIN, HE HAS TO CHEER HIMSELF UP AND TRAIN ME!

...I'M LATE. I HAVE LESSONS TOO.
TANJIRO ...

FWIP

HEY, GIYU... WANNA HAVE A SOBA EATING CONTEST?
WHY ...?!
SLURP

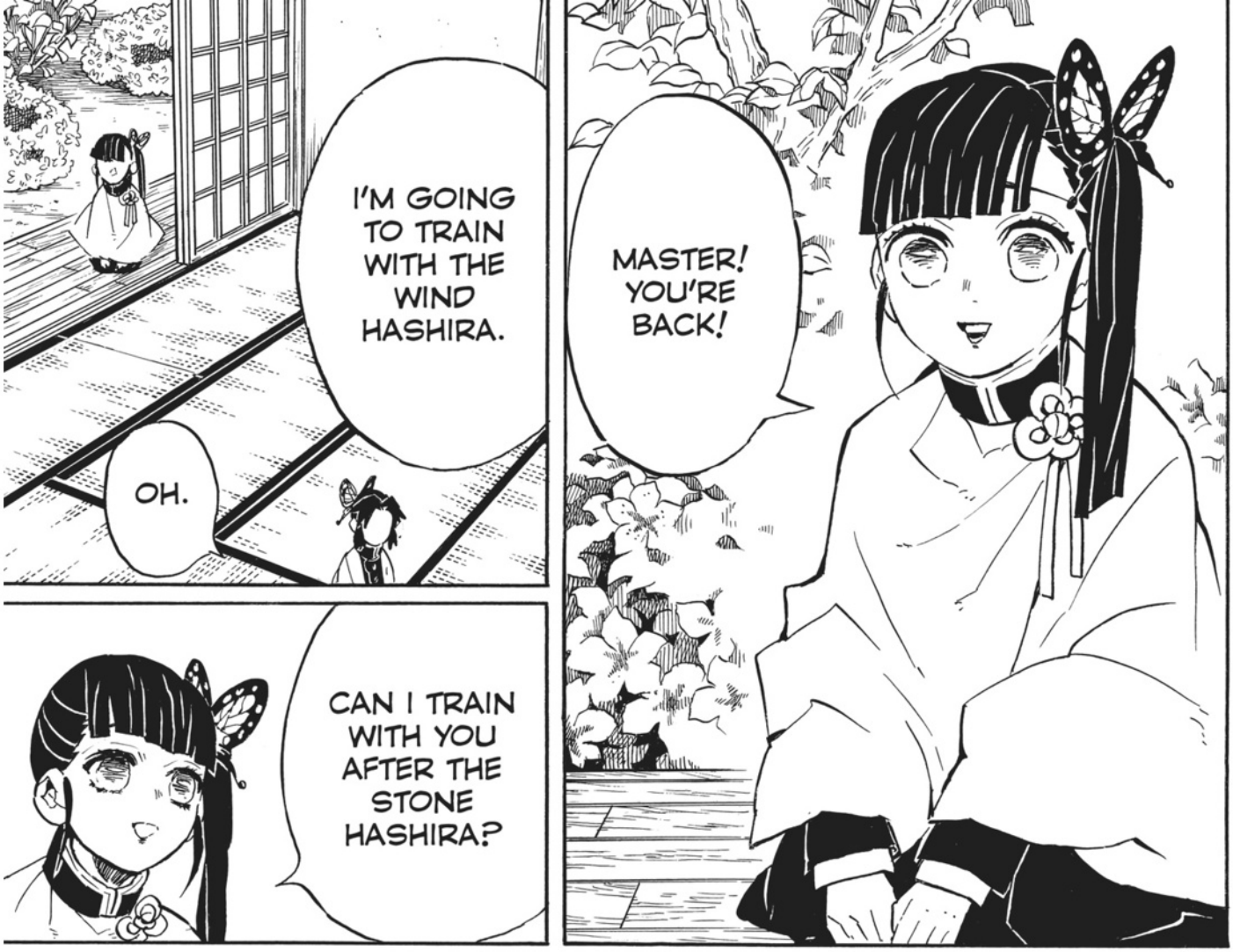

MEAN-WHILE...
THE HASHIRA TRAINING CONTINUED AT FULL FORCE WITH GIYU'S PARTICI-PATION.

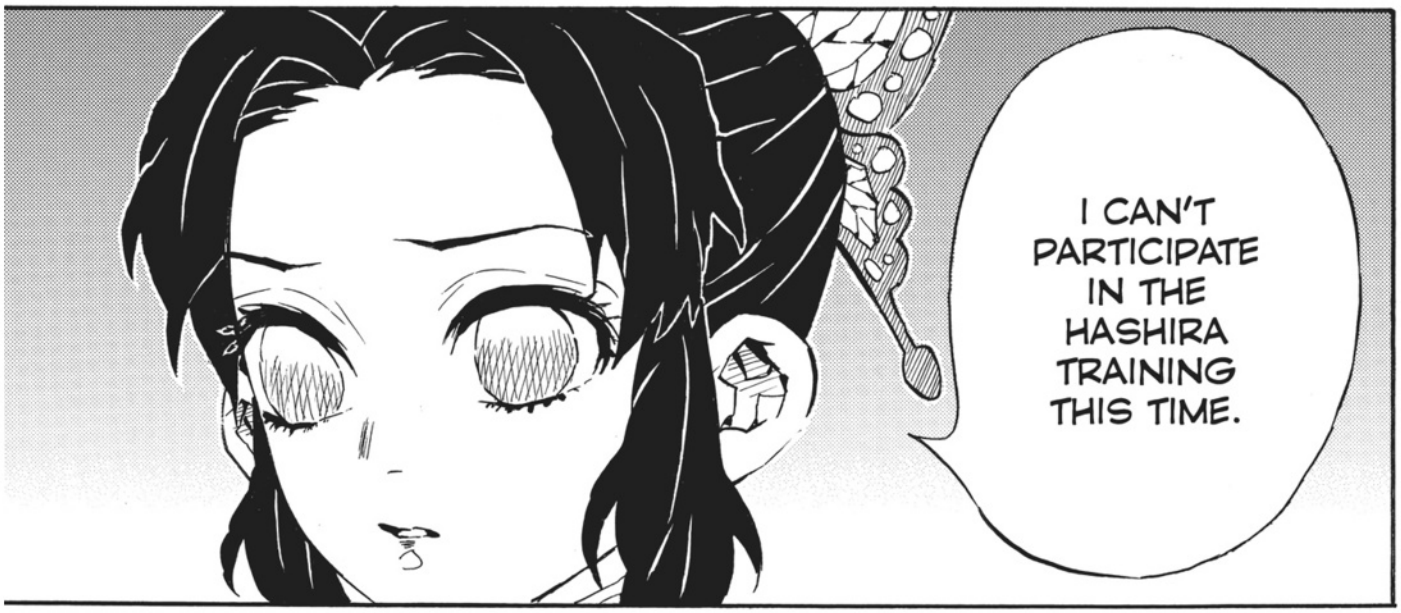
...
...

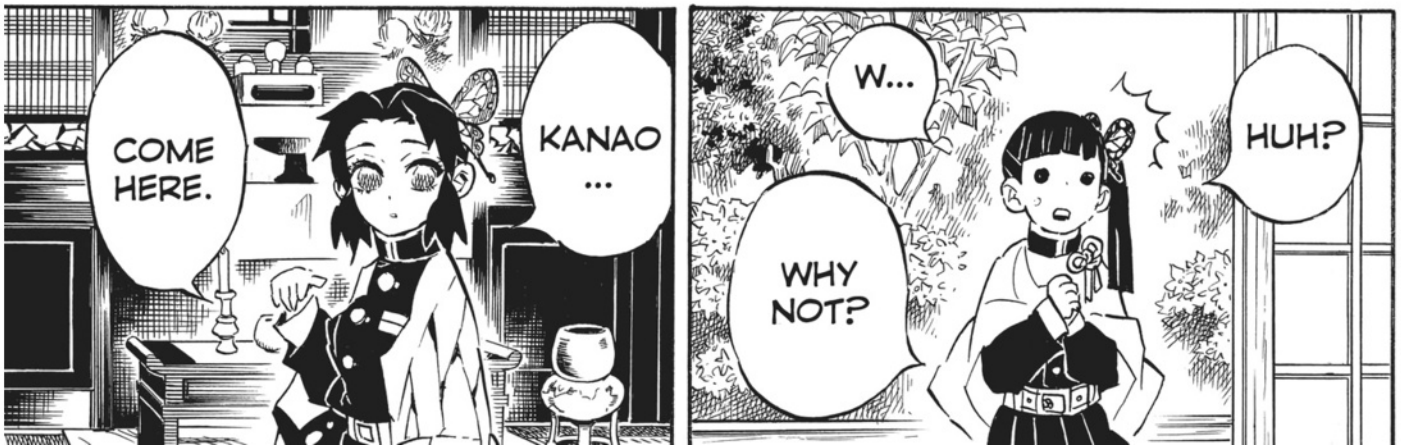
HELP ME CALM DOWN.
BE CALM. IT'S ALL RIGHT.

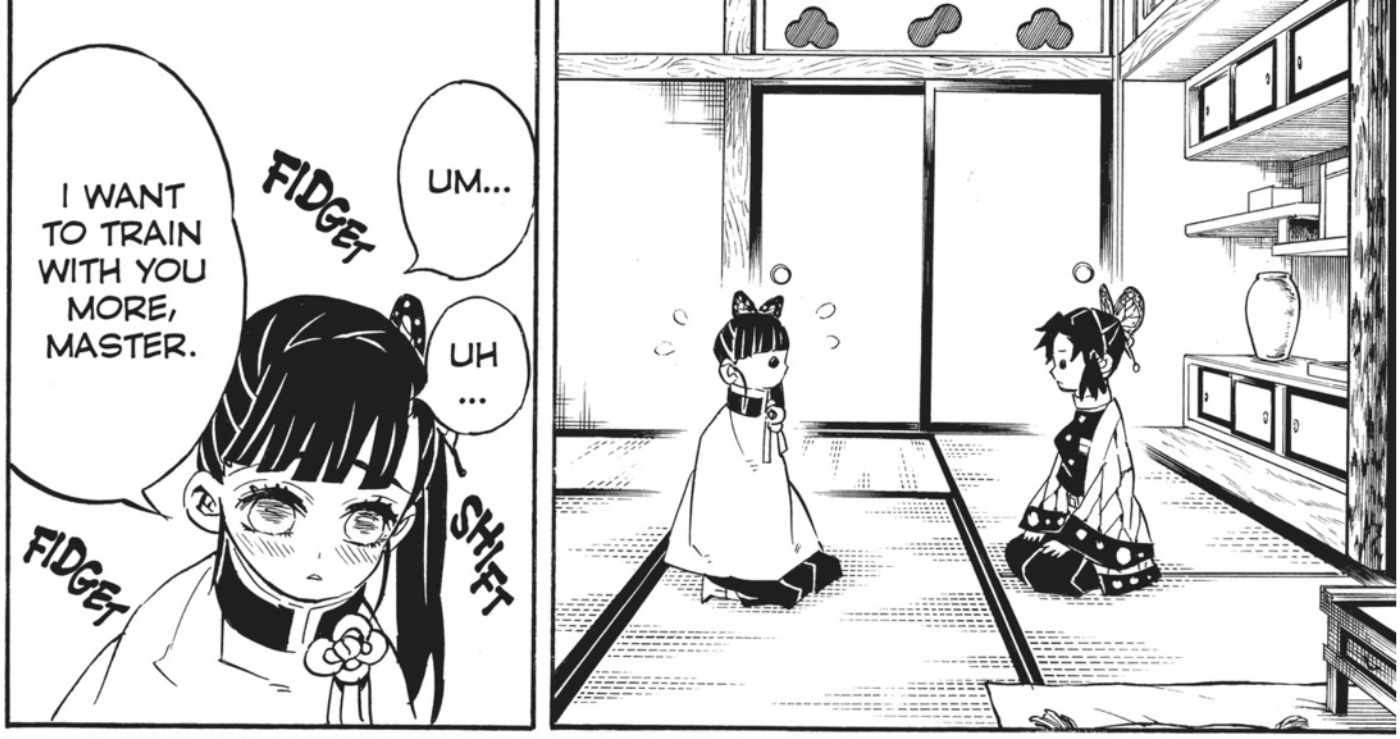
FWOO ...
HFFF...

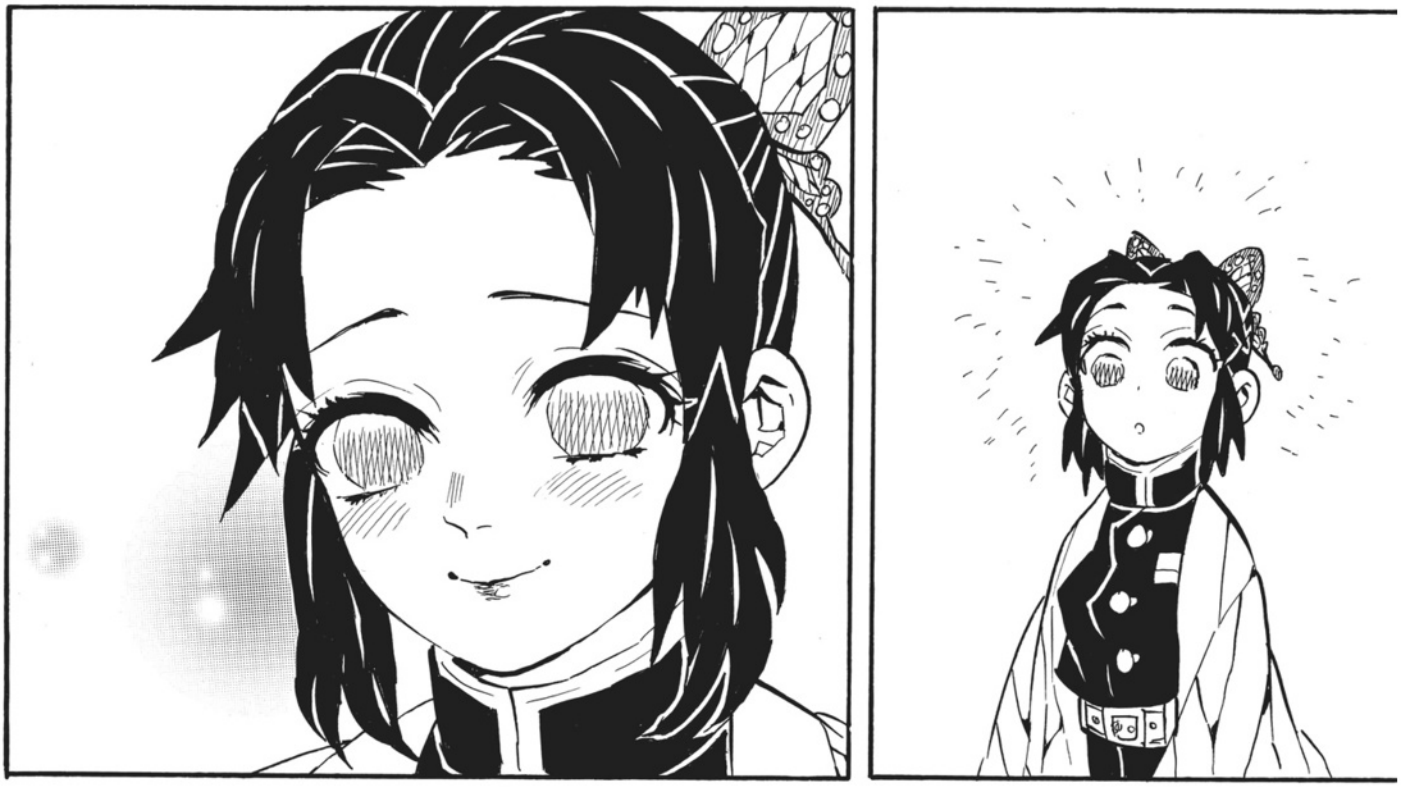
SO I GUESS I'M IM-MATURE.
ONLY THE IMMATURE CAN'T CONTROL THEIR EMOTIONS.

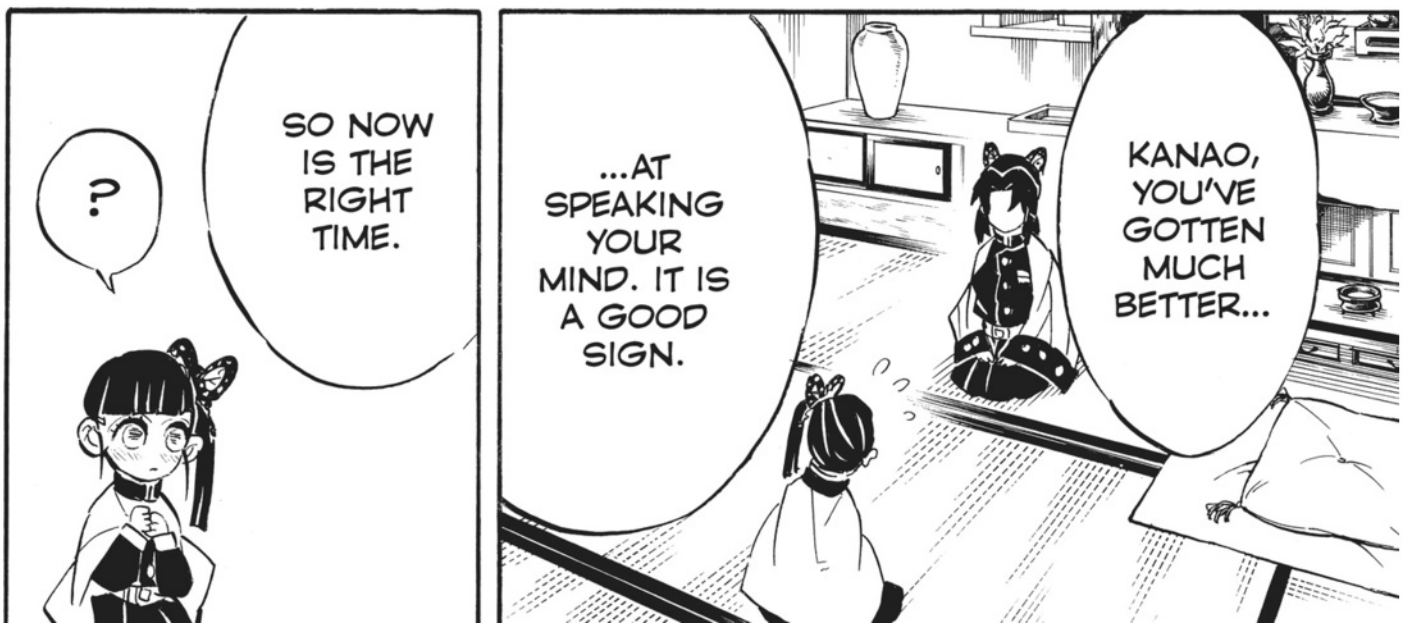

I'M GOING TO TRAIN WITH THE WIND HASHIRA.
OH.
MASTER! YOU'RE BACK!
CAN I TRAIN WITH YOU AFTER THE STONE HASHIRA?


I CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE HASHIRA TRAINING THIS TIME.

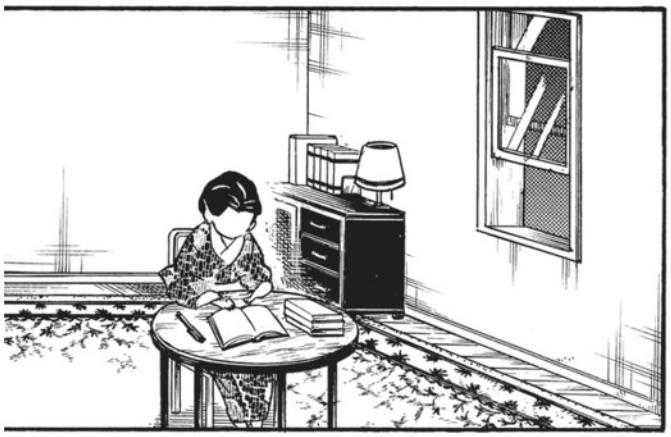

COME HERE.
KANAO ...
W...
WHY NOT?
HUH?

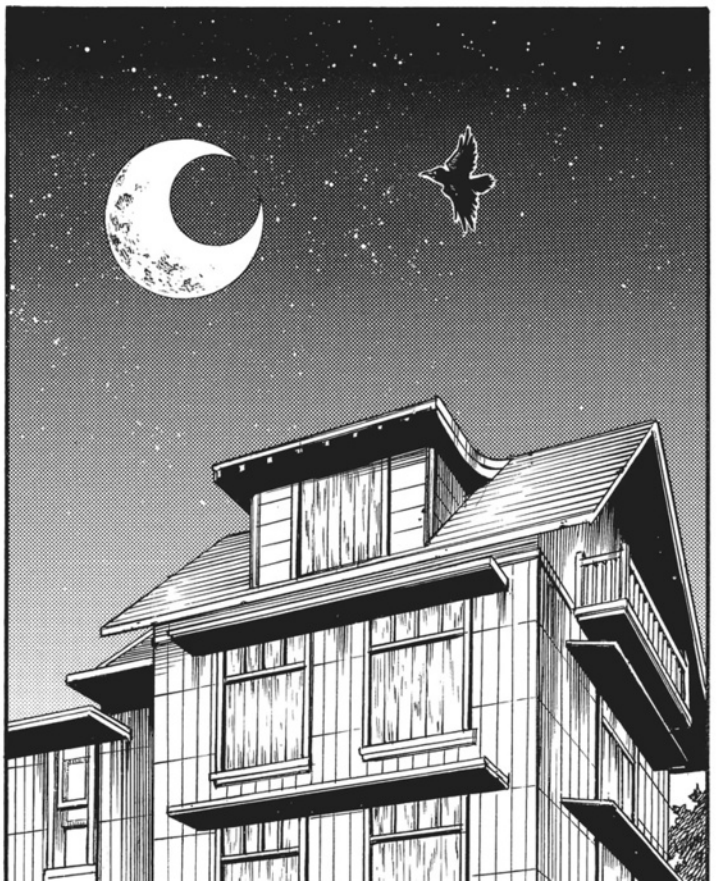

I WANT TO TRAIN WITH YOU MORE, MASTER.
FIDGET
UM...
UH ...
SHIFT
FIDGET




?
SO NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME.
...AT SPEAKING YOUR MIND. IT IS A GOOD SIGN.
KANAO, YOU'VE GOTTEN MUCH BETTER...

LET'S TALK ABOUT...
...HOW TO KILL...
...THE DEMON WHO KILLED MY SISTER KANAE.





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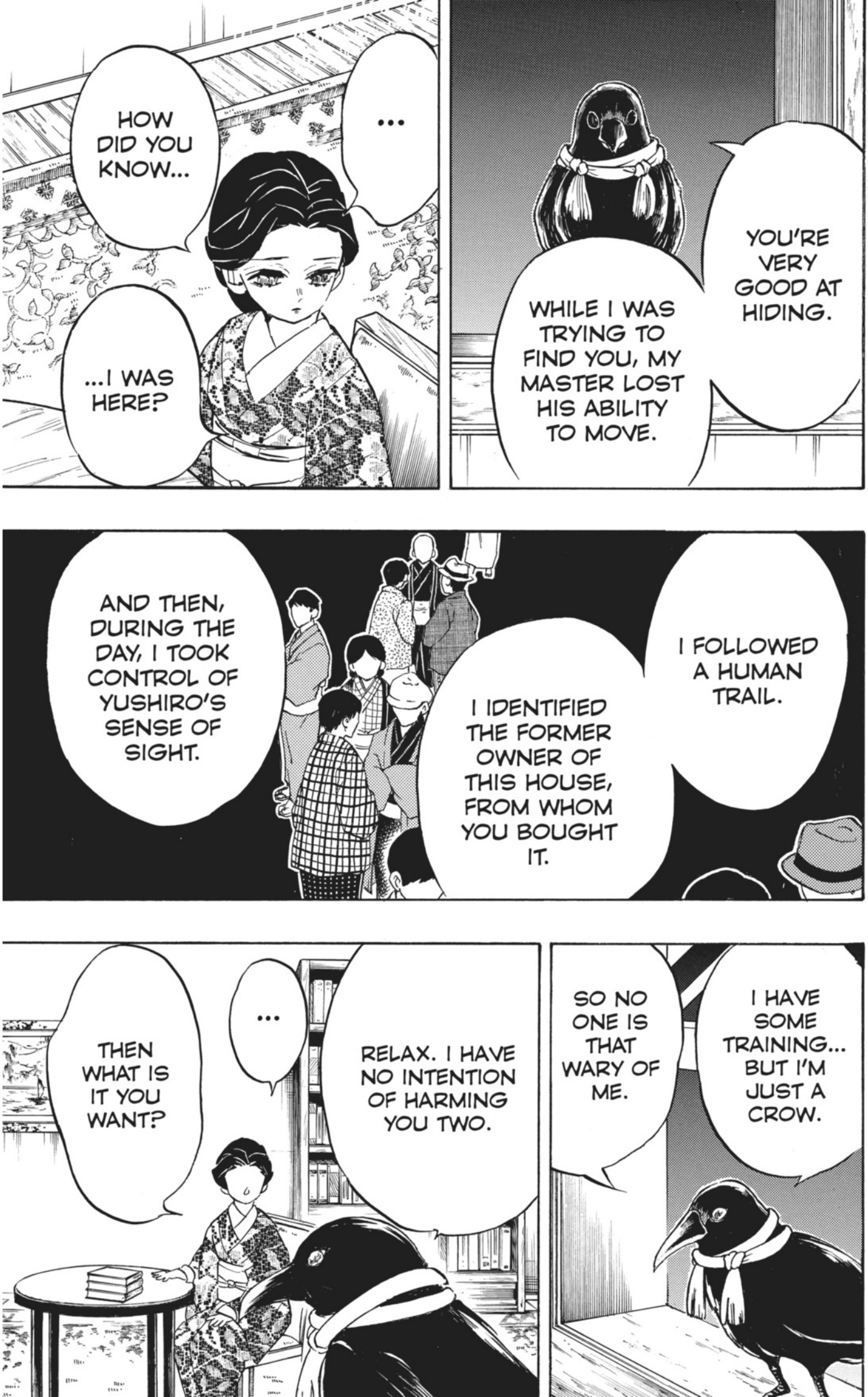
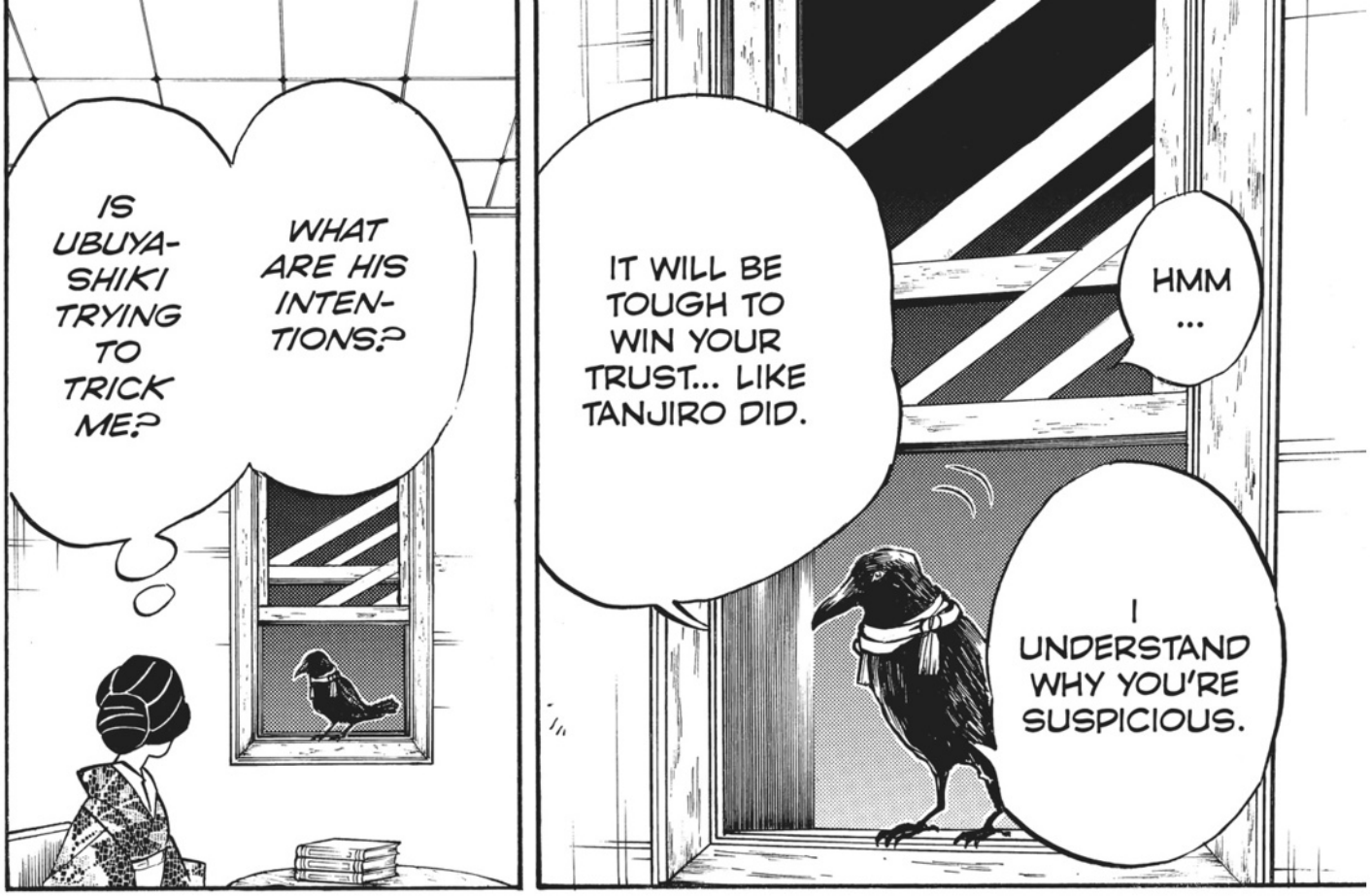
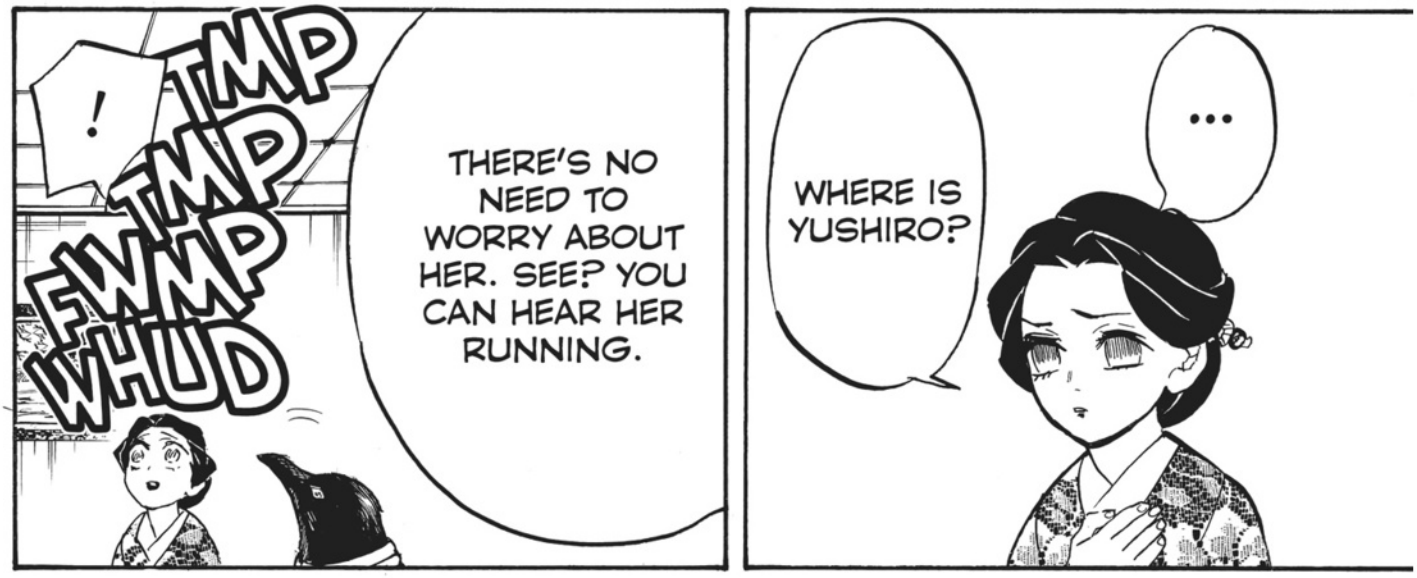
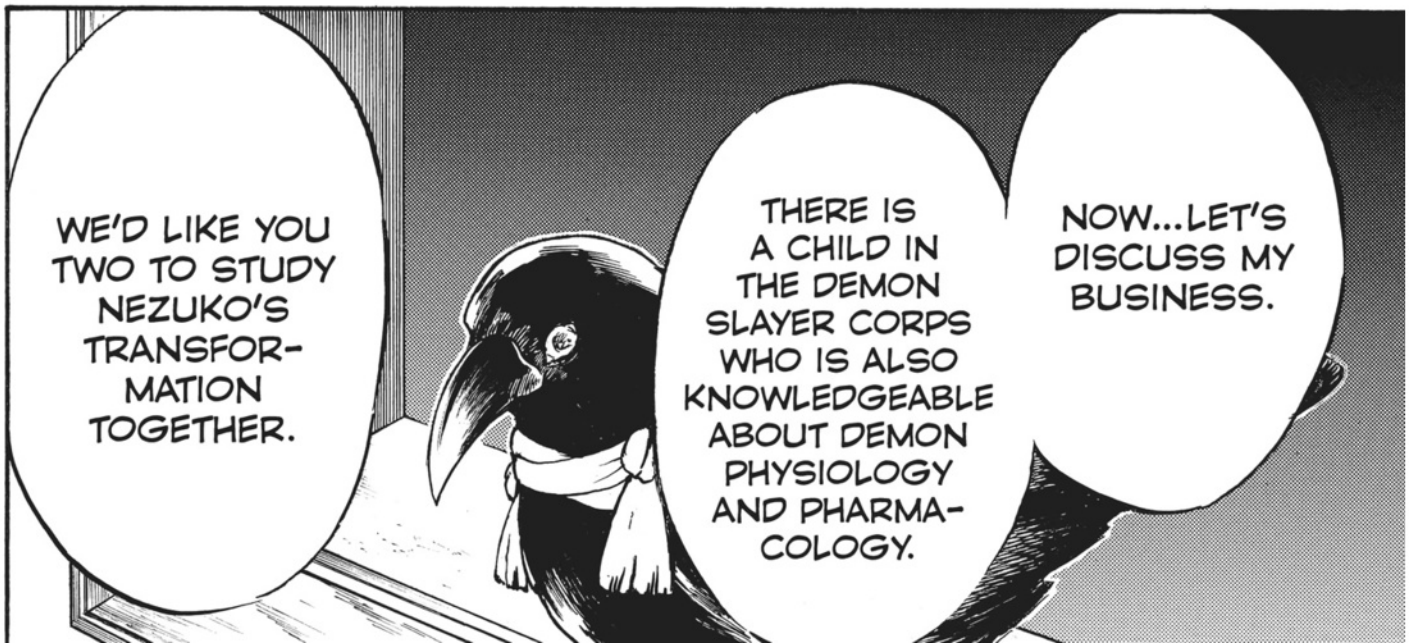
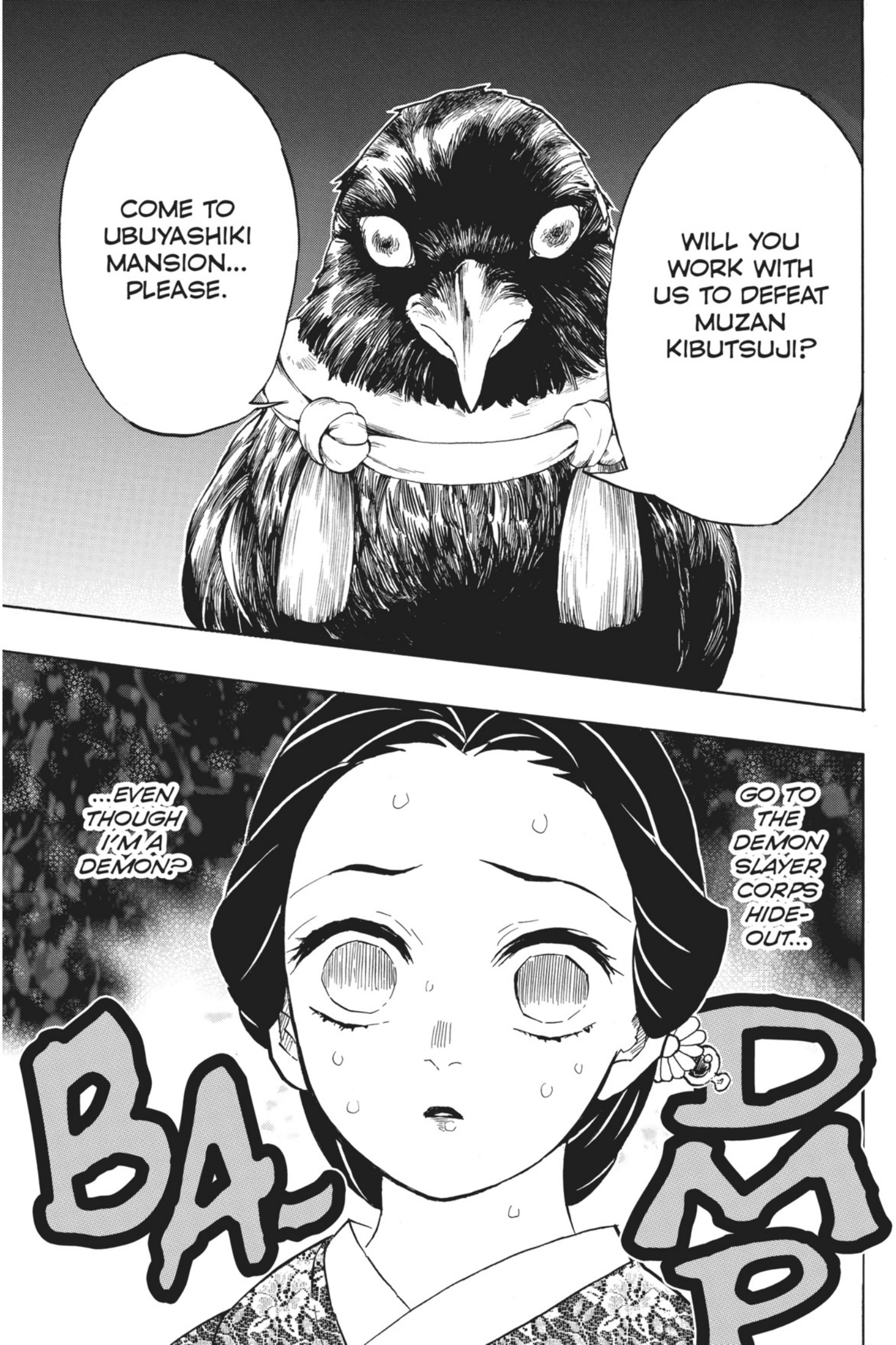
GOOD EVENING, TAMAYO!
IT'S DANGEROUS TO LEAVE YOUR WINDOW OPEN AT NIGHT.
STILL... THE MOON *IS* BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT.
LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF...
I'M KAGAYA UBUYASHIKI'S MESSENGER!


HOW DID YOU KNOW...
...
...I WAS HERE?
YOU'RE VERY GOOD AT HIDING.
WHILE I WAS TRYING TO FIND YOU, MY MASTER LOST HIS ABILITY TO MOVE.
I FOLLOWED A HUMAN TRAIL.
I IDENTIFIED THE FORMER OWNER OF THIS HOUSE, FROM WHOM YOU BOUGHT IT.
AND THEN, DURING THE DAY, I TOOK CONTROL OF YUSHIRO'S SENSE OF SIGHT.
I HAVE SOME TRAINING... BUT I'M JUST A CROW.
SO NO ONE IS THAT WARY OF ME.
RELAX. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOU TWO.
...
THEN WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?


HMM ...
IT WILL BE TOUGH TO WIN YOUR TRUST... LIKE TANJIRO DID.
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SUSPICIOUS.
WHAT ARE HIS INTENTIONS?
IS UBUYASHIKI TRYING TO TRICK ME?


...
WHERE IS YUSHIRO?
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HER. SEE? YOU CAN HEAR HER RUNNING.
!
TMP TMP TMP
FWMP WHUD

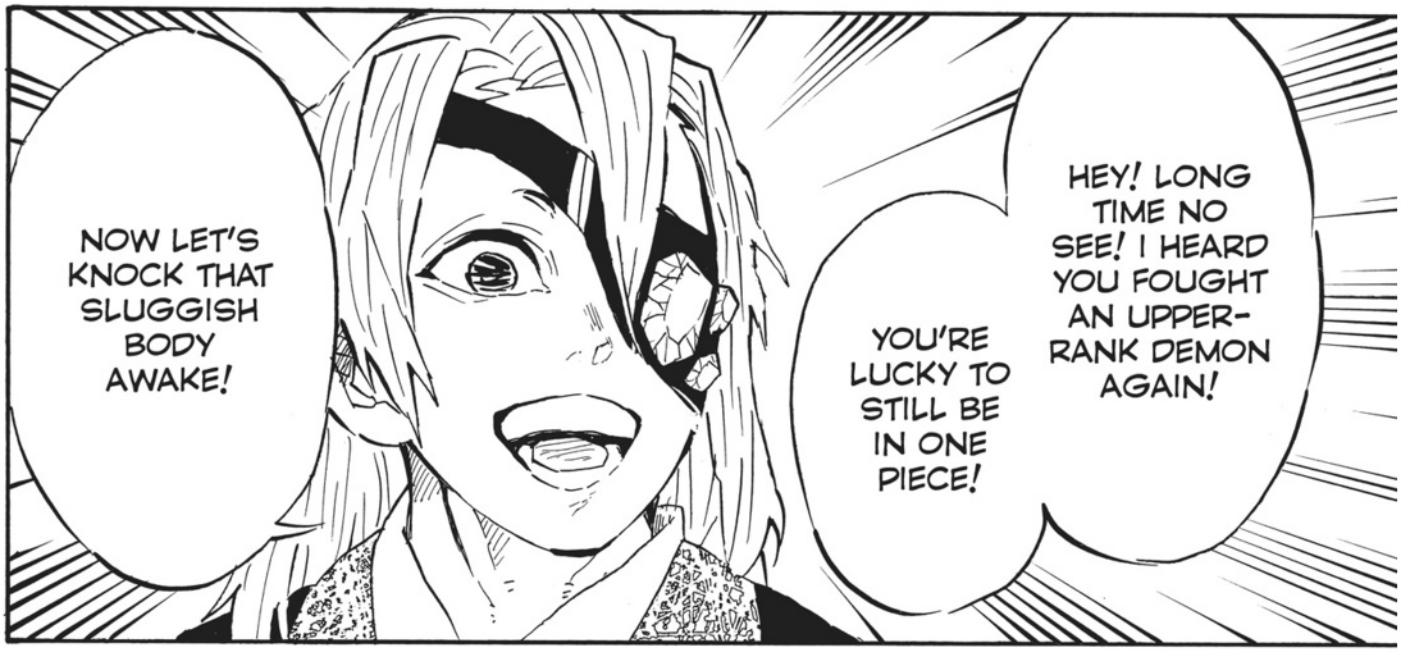

NOW...LET'S DISCUSS MY BUSINESS.
THERE IS A CHILD IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS WHO IS ALSO KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT DEMON PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY.
WE'D LIKE YOU TWO TO STUDY NEZUKO'S TRANSFORMATION TOGETHER.


WILL YOU WORK WITH US TO DEFEAT MUZAN KIBUTSUJI?
COME TO UBUYASHIKI MANSION... PLEASE.
GO TO THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS HIDE-OUT...
...EVEN THOUGH I'M A DEMON?
BA-DUM

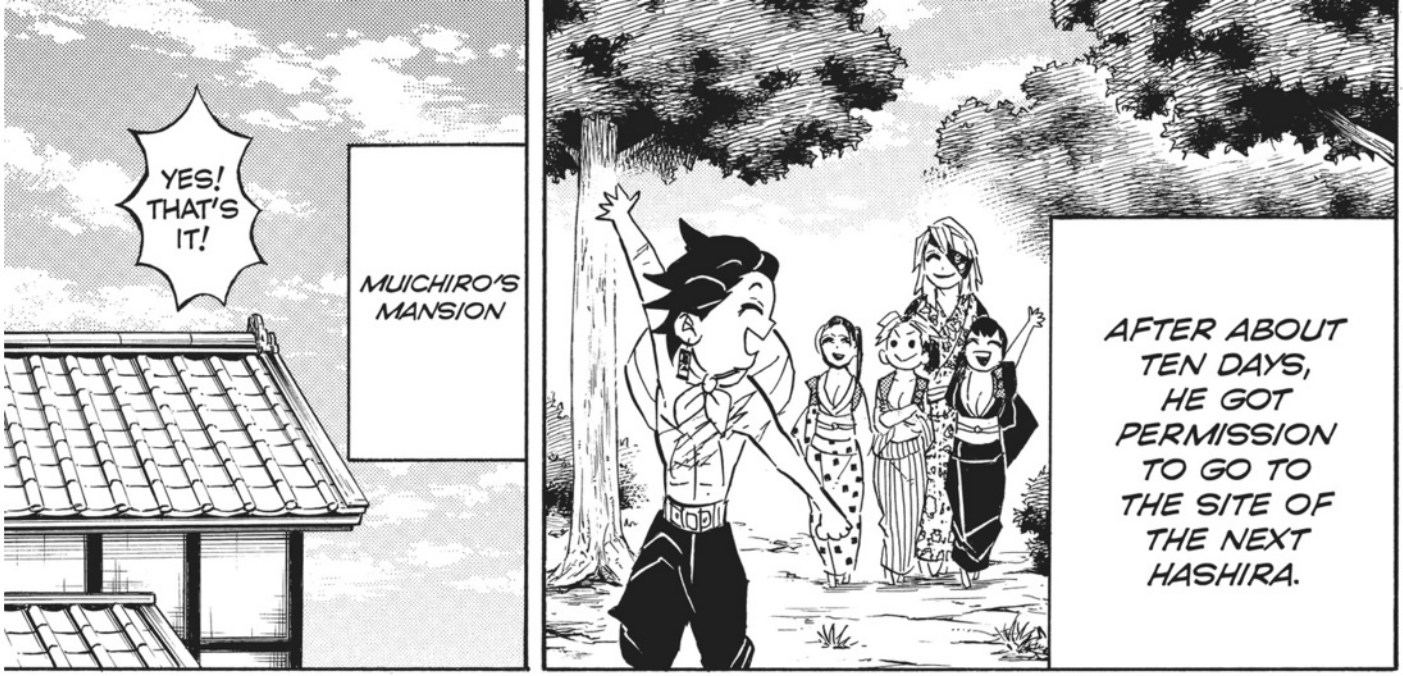
Hataki
Cleaning tool
Yushiro sensed that Tamayo was upset...and fell down the stairs. He was cleaning in another room.

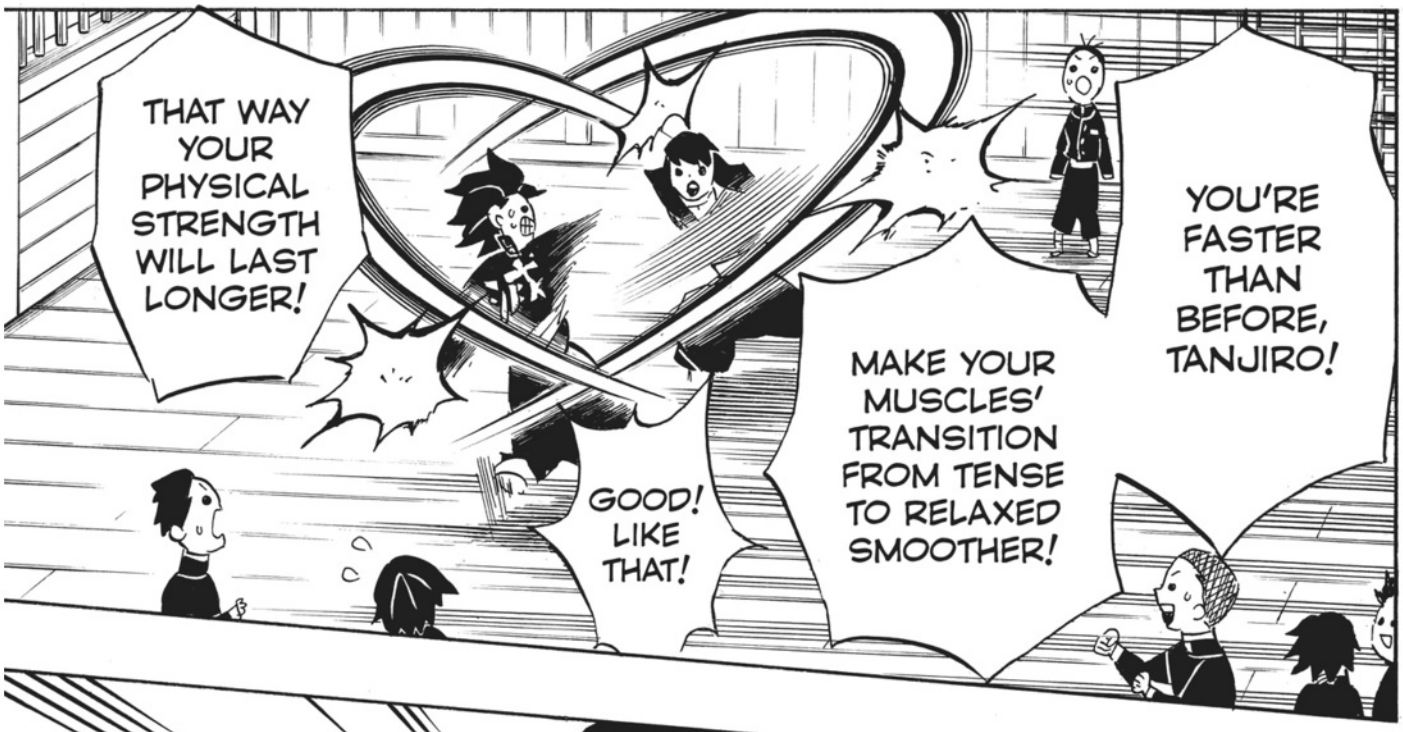
CHAPTER 132: FULL-STRENGTH TRAINING

TANJIRO HAS FULLY RECOVERED!
AND HE'S FULLY PARTICI-PATING IN THE HASHIRA TRAINING HE LONG HOPED FOR!
BLARGH...

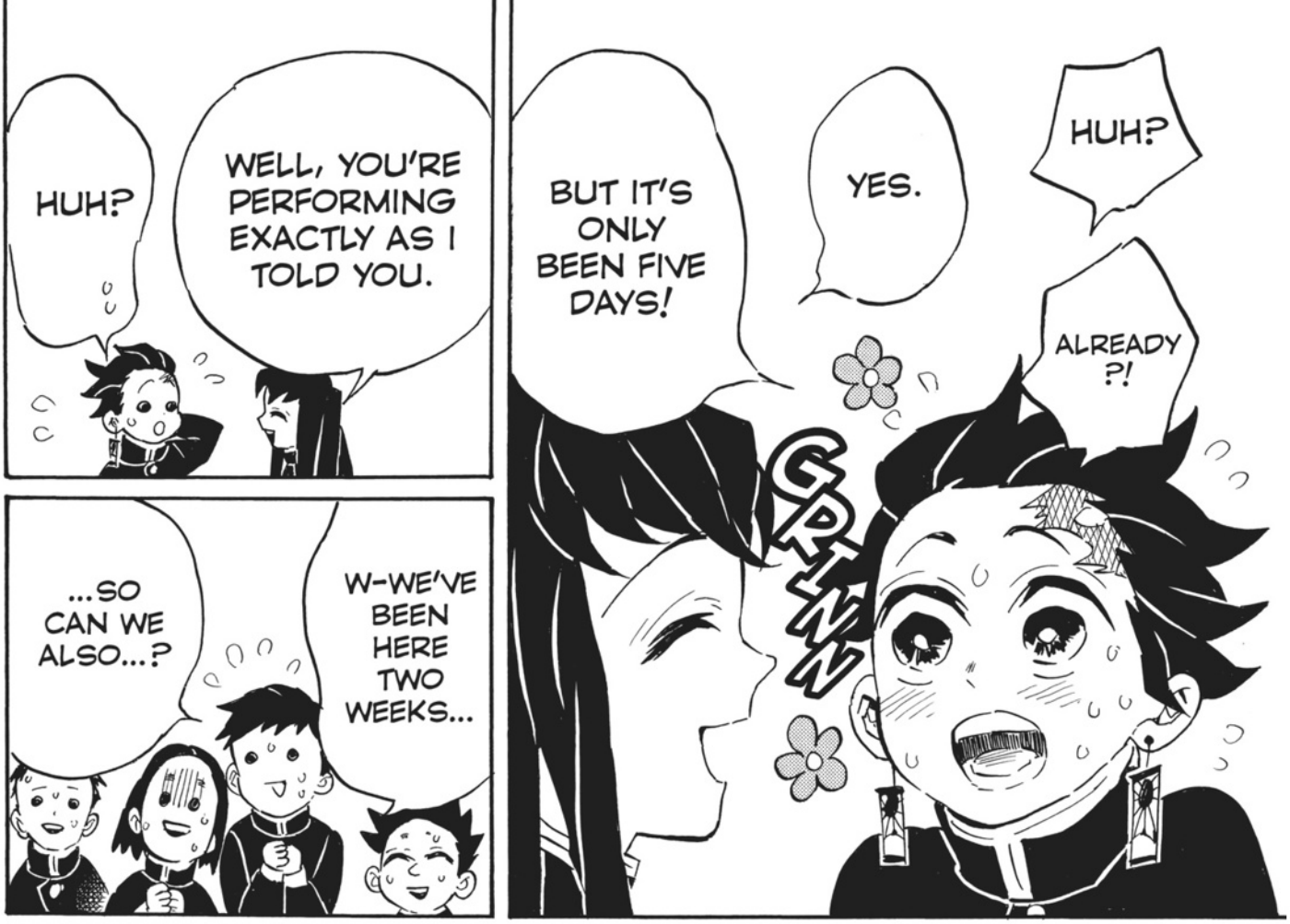

HEY! LONG TIME NO SEE! I HEARD YOU FOUGHT AN UPPER-RANK DEMON AGAIN!
YOU'RE LUCKY TO STILL BE IN ONE PIECE!
NOW LET'S KNOCK THAT SLUGGISH BODY AWAKE!

OKAY! I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL!
OH MY!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
YOU FINALLY CAME!
EAT UP!

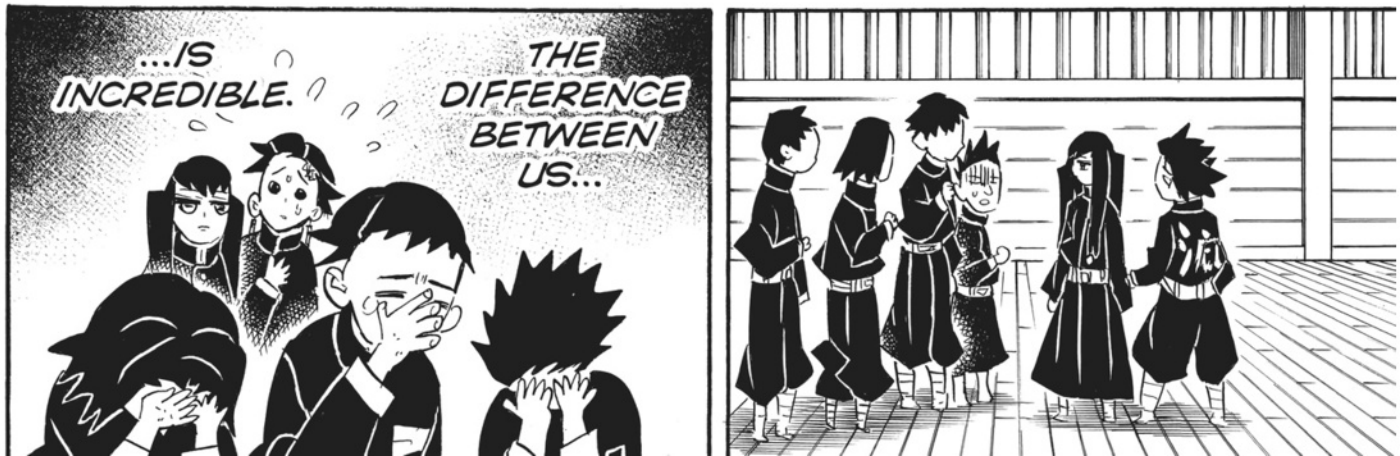

YES! THAT'S IT!
MUICHIRO'S MANSION
AFTER ABOUT TEN DAYS, HE GOT PERMISSION TO GO TO THE SITE OF THE NEXT HASHIRA.


THAT WAY YOUR PHYSICAL STRENGTH WILL LAST LONGER!
GOOD! LIKE THAT!
MAKE YOUR MUSCLES' TRANSITION FROM TENSE TO RELAXED SMOOTHER!
YOU'RE FASTER THAN BEFORE, TANJIRO!

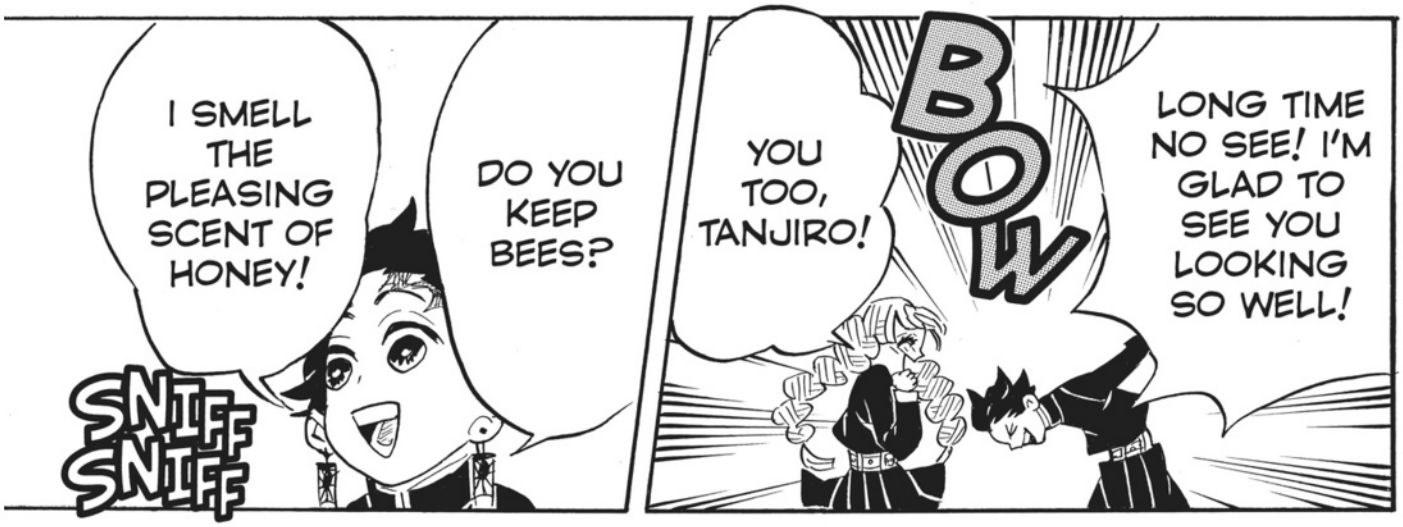
YOU CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT HASHIRA, TANJIRO!
THE MOVEMENT OF YOUR LEGS AND HIPS FLOWS PERFECTLY!


HUH?
WELL, YOU'RE PERFORMING EXACTLY AS I TOLD YOU.
HUH?
BUT IT'S ONLY BEEN FIVE DAYS!
YES.
ALREADY?!
GRINN
W-WE'VE BEEN HERE TWO WEEKS...
...SO CAN WE ALSO...?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? NOT YOU GUYS!
AFTER YOU FINISH WORKING ON YOUR SWING, YOU HAVE LESSONS IN STRIKING UNTIL THE PRACTICE DUMMY BREAKS.


...IS INCREDIBLE.
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US...

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, TANJIRO!
COME ON IN!
BZZ BZZ
KANROJI'S MANSION


I SMELL THE PLEASING SCENT OF HONEY!
SNIFF SNIFF
DO YOU KEEP BEES?
YOU TOO, TANJIRO!
BOW
LONG TIME NO SEE! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU LOOKING SO WELL!

IF YOU PUT HONEY ON YOUR PANCAKE IT'S INSANELY DELICIOUS!
OH! YOU NOTICED? THAT'S RIGHT!

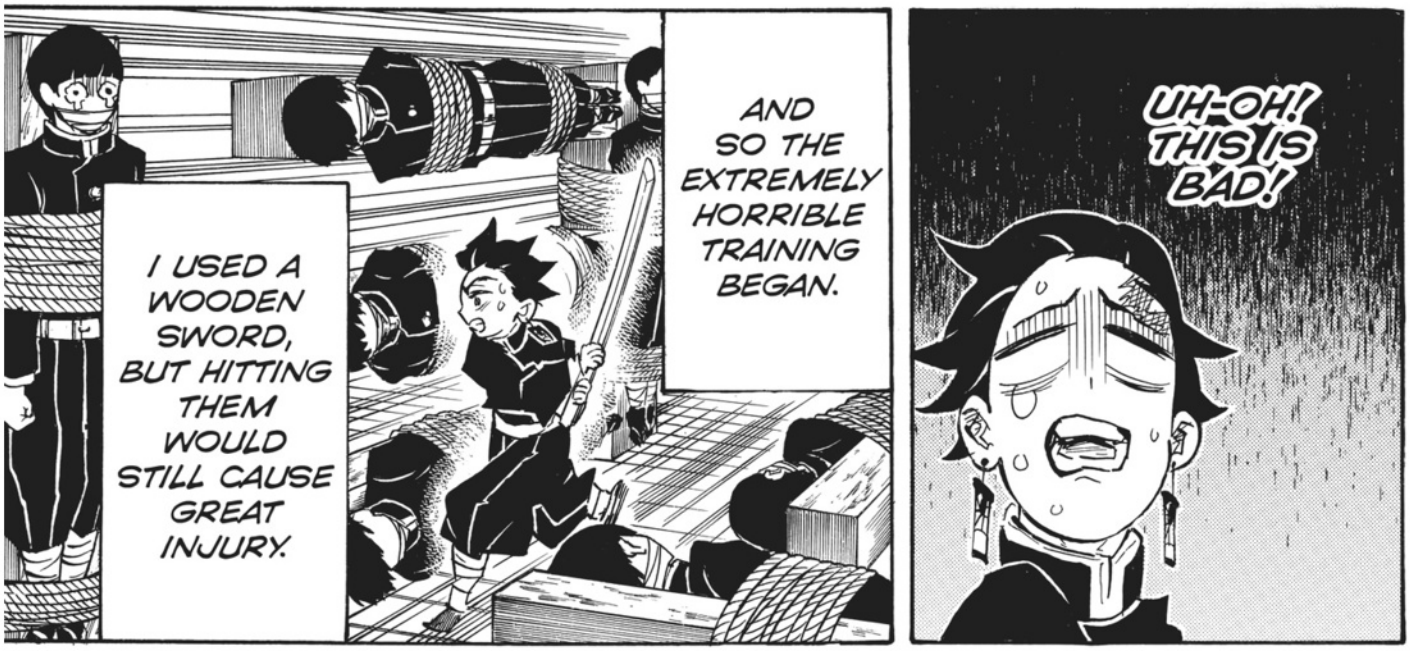
TEA PANCAKES
BUTTER
RAW HONEY PANCAKES
I'LL MAKE PANCAKES, SO LOOK FORWARD TO IT!
AND SLATHER ON THE BUTTER!
TEA IS AT THREE!
AND THEY LEARNED TO DANCE TO THE MUSIC.
YES, MISS!
FOR KANROJI'S TRAINING, EVERYONE WORE THESE OUTFITS.
IT WAS MOSTLY STRETCHING VIA BRUTE FORCE.
GOOD!
AH
GYAAAH
BUT THE FLEXI-BILITY EXERCISES WERE HELL!

TANJIRO KAMADO, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
I'M LOOKING FOR-WARD TO—
SHUT UP OR I'LL KILL YOU.
HUH ?
I HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM KANROJI!
SHE SAYS YOU HAD QUITE A LOT OF FUN IN TRAINING!
GWO
THE TWO EXCHANGE LETTERS.
I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU LIKE KANROJI DID!
From the very start ...
...he totally hates me!

I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU SWING YOUR SWORD WHILE AVOIDING THESE OBSTACLES.

IS THIS AN EXECUTION CHAMBER?!
DID THESE PEOPLE COMMIT SOME SORT OF CRIME?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
...

THE CRIME OF BEING A PAIN IN THE BUTT!
THE CRIME OF BEING WEAK!
THE CRIME OF NOT LEARN-ING!
AND THE CRIME OF IRRITATING ME!


I USED A WOODEN SWORD, BUT HITTING THEM WOULD STILL CAUSE GREAT INJURY.
AND SO THE EXTREMELY HORRIBLE TRAINING BEGAN.
UH-OH! THIS IS BAD!

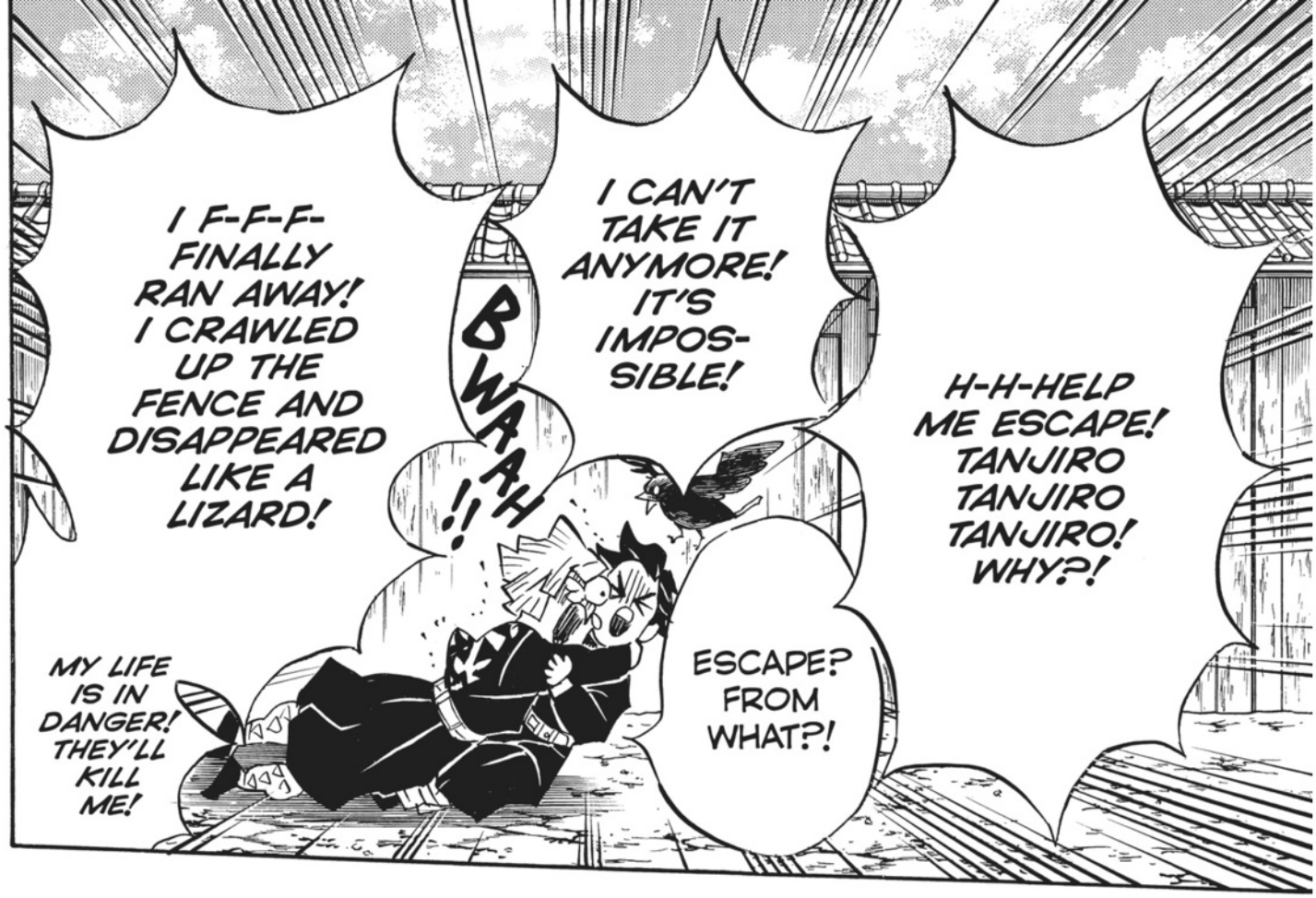
BECAUSE OF HIS STYLE...
IT'S REALLY DANGER-OUS!
IGURO'S ATTACKS WEAVE BETWEEN THESE POOR CORPS MEMBERS.

...HIS ATTACKS BEND IN STRANGE WAYS!
SWIK
WH
AK
...SO WHY DOES IT BEND SO MUCH?
HE HAS A WOODEN SWORD LIKE ME...
SHMP
GAAH!
Too slow.
...JUST LIKE A SNAKE.
HIS ATTACKS SLITHER THROUGH NARROW OPENINGS ...

WHAT MAKES IT EVEN HARDER IS...
...I CAN HEAR THEIR VOICES WHEN I AIM...
... BETWEEN THEM.
PLEASE!
PLEASE!
PLEASE!
PLEEEASE!
PLEASE! PLEASE!
"PLEASE, DON'T HIT US!"
I CAN REALLY HEAR THEM, AND IT BREAKS MY HEART!
MY HANDS SHOOK WITH NERVES LIKE NEVER BEFORE.
QUIVER
SHAKE
IF I'M NOT INCREDIBLY ACCURATE, IT'LL BE A DISASTER!
GYAH!
WHAK
AGH!
BUT AFTER FOUR DAYS...

I COULD DODGE IGURO'S BLOWS AND LAUNCH MY OWN ATTACKS TOO.
...I WAS ABLE TO STRIKE MORE ACCURATELY THAN EVER BEFORE!
AND DON'T GET TOO FRIENDLY WITH KANROJI!
ALL RIGHT! DIE, YOU SCUM!
WHEN AN ATTACK STRUCK AND CUT THE HEM OF IGURO'S HAORI...
...HE SAID MY TRAINING WAS OVER.
TH-THANK YOU...
I WAS SAD THAT HE STILL HATED ME.
WHY?

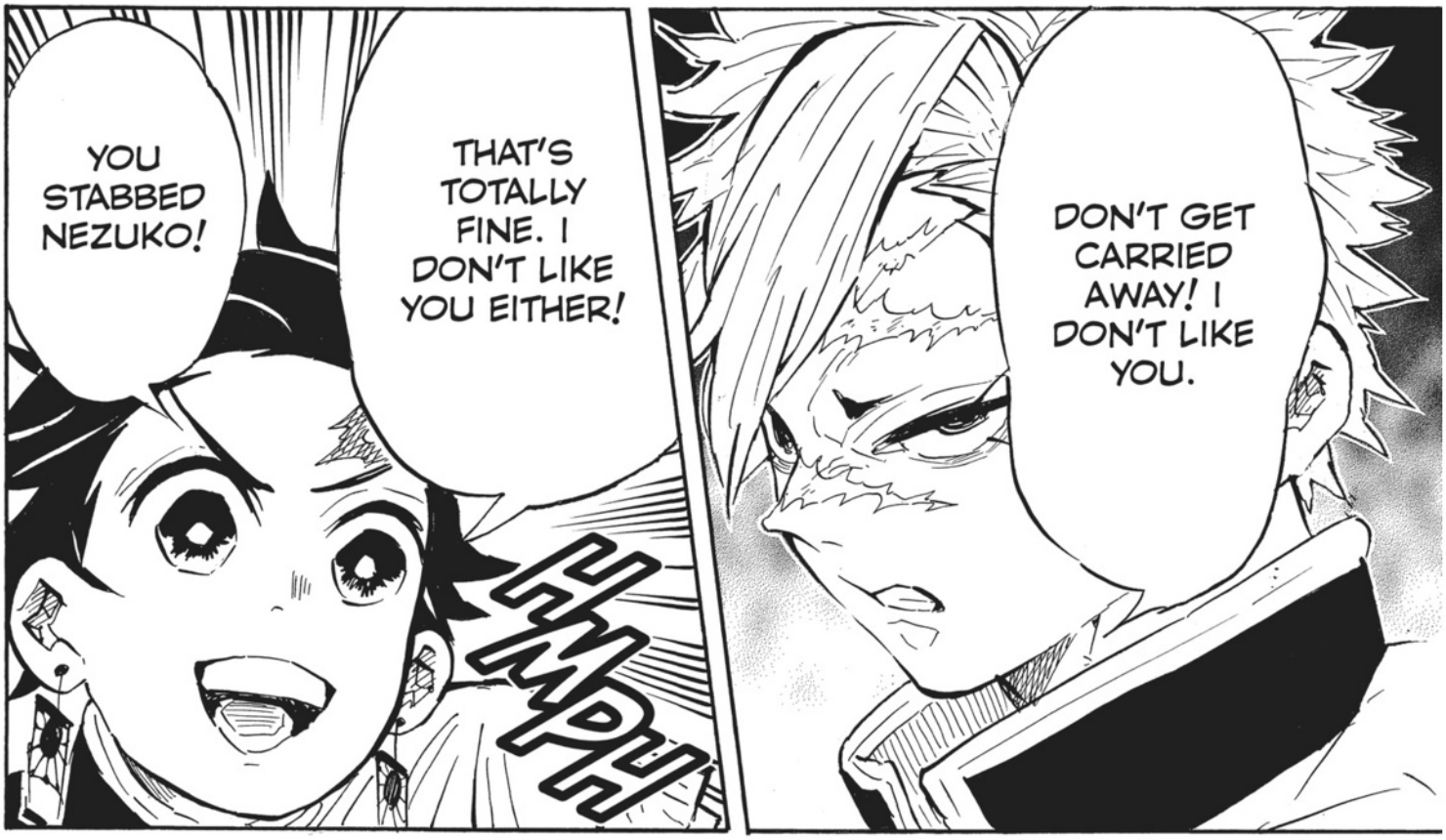
OH!
THAT'S WHERE WE TURN RIGHT.
UMM... WAS SHINAZU-GAWA'S DOJO THIS WAY?
NO! GO RIGHT AT THAT CORNER!
BIRD-BRAIN!
YIKES
AAAAAH! ZENITSU ?!
GYAAAGH!


I F-F-F-FINALLY RAN AWAY! I CRAWLED UP THE FENCE AND DISAPPEARED LIKE A LIZARD!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
H-H-HELP ME ESCAPE! TANJIRO TANJIRO TANJIRO! WHY?!
BWAAH!!
MY LIFE IS IN DANGER! THEY'LL KILL ME!
ESCAPE? FROM WHAT?!

GAH
AGH!
THUD

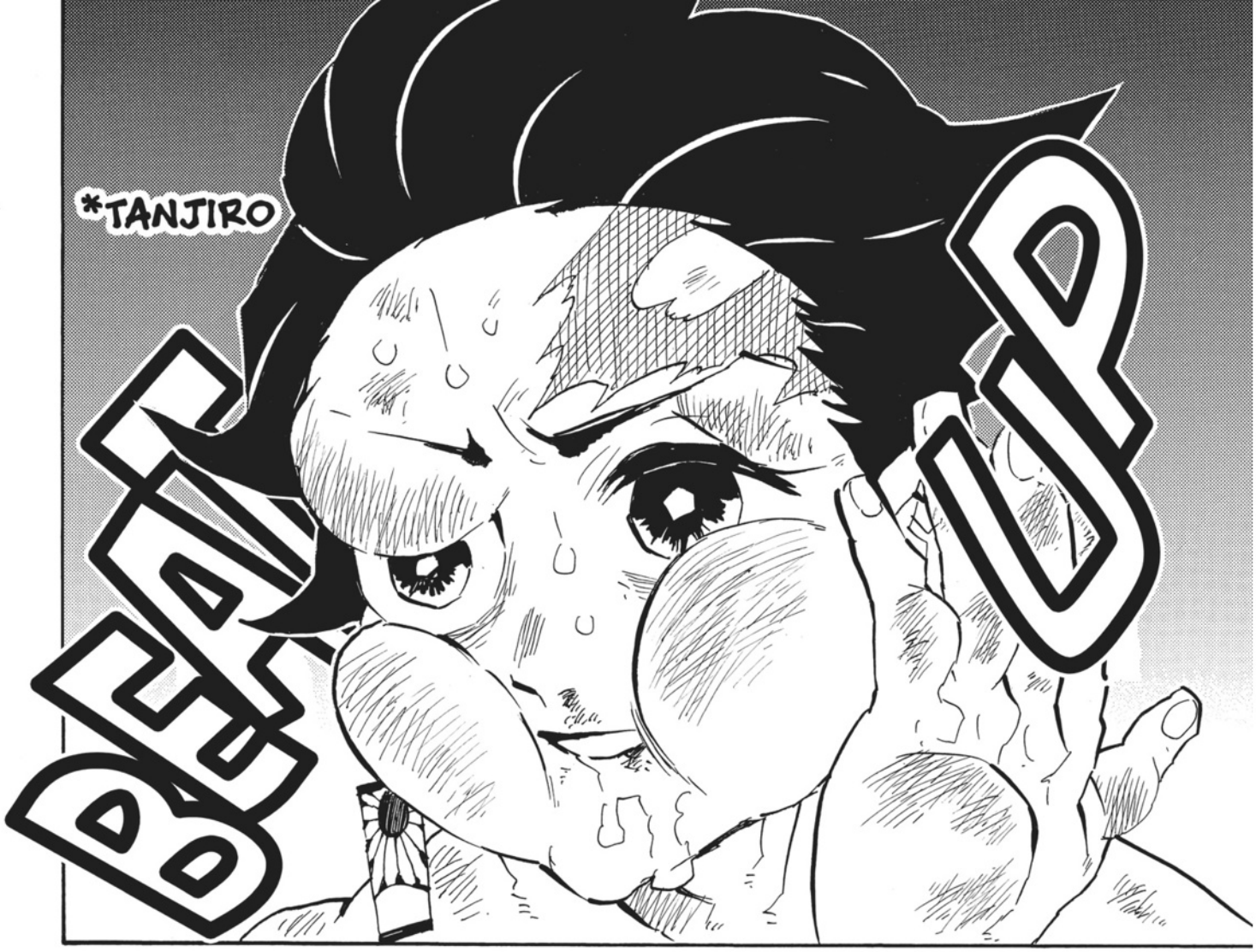
GYAAH!
CHOOSE!
RETURN TO TRAINING... OR DIE!
HWAM!
SILENCE!
GUH!
GYAH!
CALM DOWN!
GYAAAH!
HAVE MERCY!
GACK!
MMPH
SORRY, ZENITSU.
LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST.
CARRY HIM.
OH...
...OKAY.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!
TP TP TP
TODAY I START TRAINING WITH YOU!
LONG TIME NO SEE!

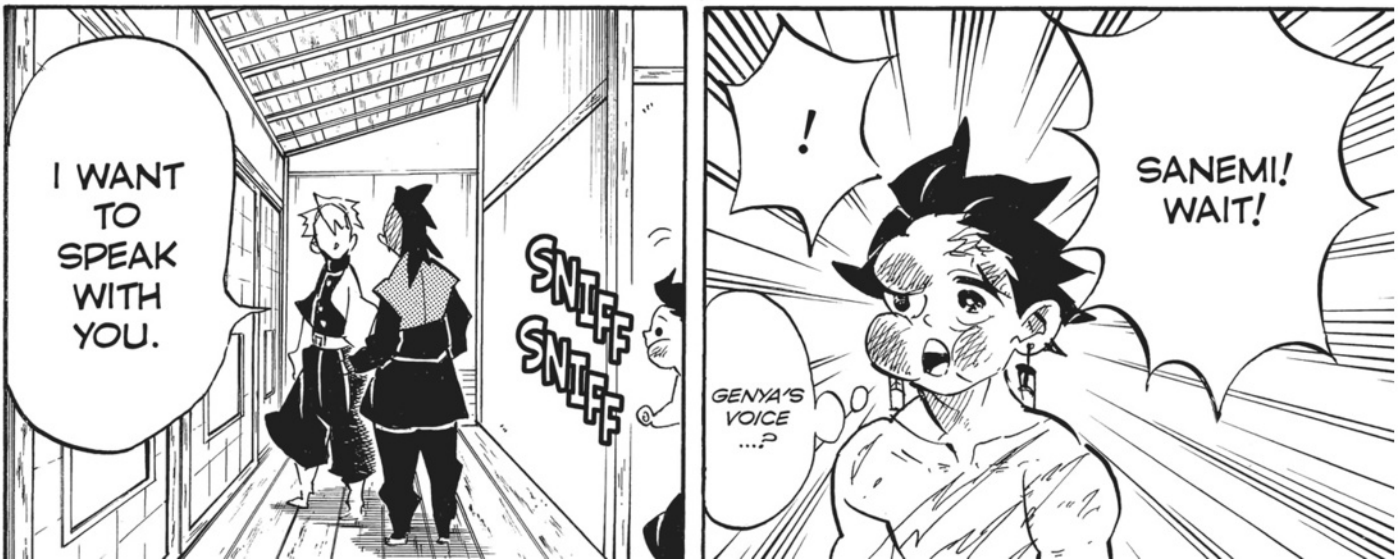

YOU STABBED NEZUKO!
THAT'S TOTALLY FINE. I DON'T LIKE YOU EITHER!
HMPH
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY! I DON'T LIKE YOU.

OF ALL THE NERVE!
TP TP TP

IT WAS A SIMPLE STRIKING EXERCISE WHERE I WOULD ATTACK SHINAZU-GAWA.
HACK
SHINAZU-GAWA'S TRAINING WAS SO GRUELING THAT I UNDERSTOOD WHY ZENITSU GOT LIKE THAT.
EACH SESSION CONTINUED WITHOUT REST UNTIL I VOMITED BLOOD AND PASSED OUT.
WHEN HE WOKE UP, ZENITSU CURSED ME LIKE I HAD SLAIN HIS PARENTS.
YOU IDIOOT!
BIFF
OW, OW, OW! SORRY!
BAM
POW
HMPH!
EVEN IGURO GAVE ME MORE BREAKS.
IF I LOST CONCENTRATION FOR EVEN A MOMENT, I'D GET SERIOUSLY INJURED AND END UP BACK IN RECOVERY.
THWOK
TANJIRO
SHINAZU-GAWA WAS ESPECIALLY HARD ON ME.


*TANJIRO
BEAT UP

THAT WAS PRETTY BAD FOR A FIRST DAY...
KLMP
KLMP
I WAS A MESS, COVERED IN VOMIT...
...AND ABOUT TO LOSE CONFI-DENCE.


SANEMI! WAIT!
!
GENYA'S VOICE ...?
SNIFF SNIFF
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

WHO
SNAP
YOU JUST DON'T GIVE UP. I DON'T HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER.
IF YOU DON'T KNOCK IT OFF, I'LL KILL YOU!
KPAK
...
...

In his family
I give! I give!
TICKLE
TICKLE
Ha ha ha!
It's not at all like the sibling quarrels in my family!

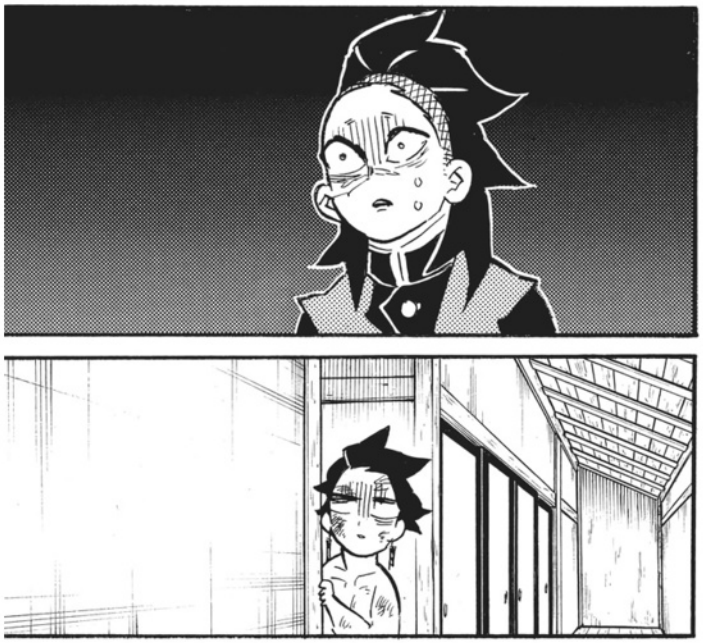
CHAPTER 133: WELCOME

DON'T TALK TO ME ALL FRIENDLY-LIKE!

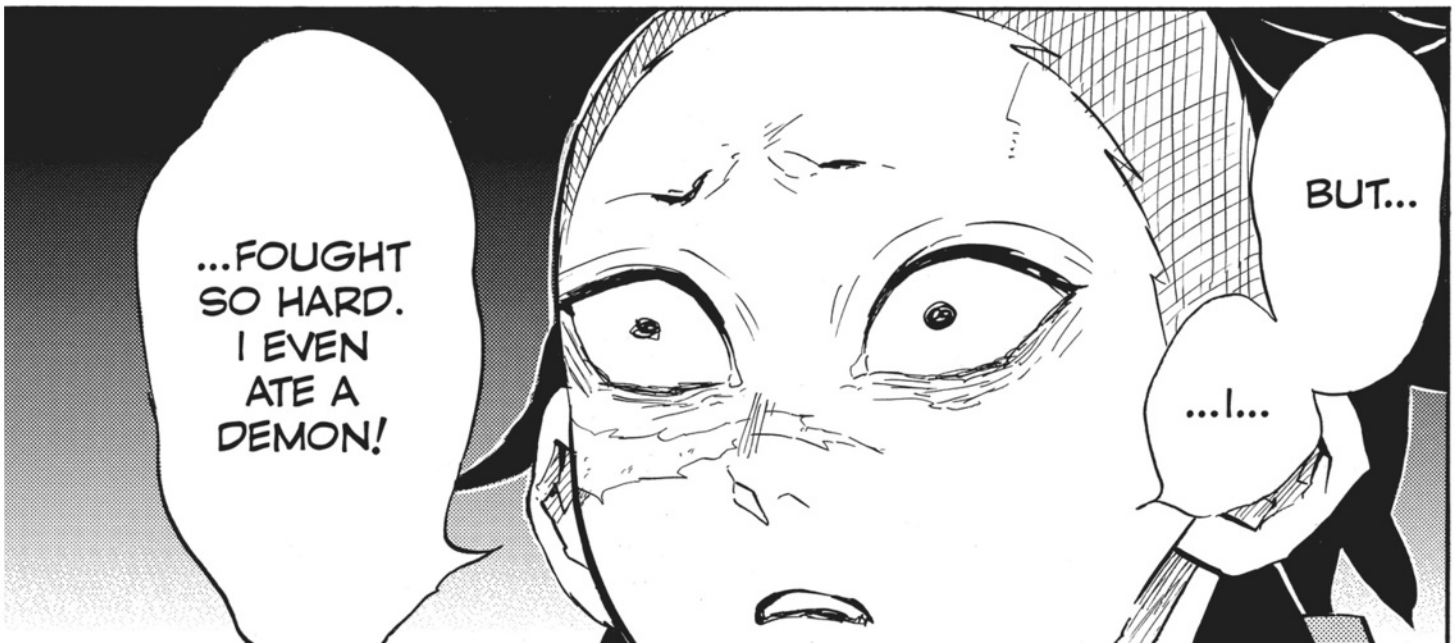
AND FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, YOU HAVE NO TALENT! JUST QUIT THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.
SOMEONE WHO CAN'T EVEN USE BREATHING SHOULDN'T CALL HIMSELF A SWORDS-MAN.
...
BUT...

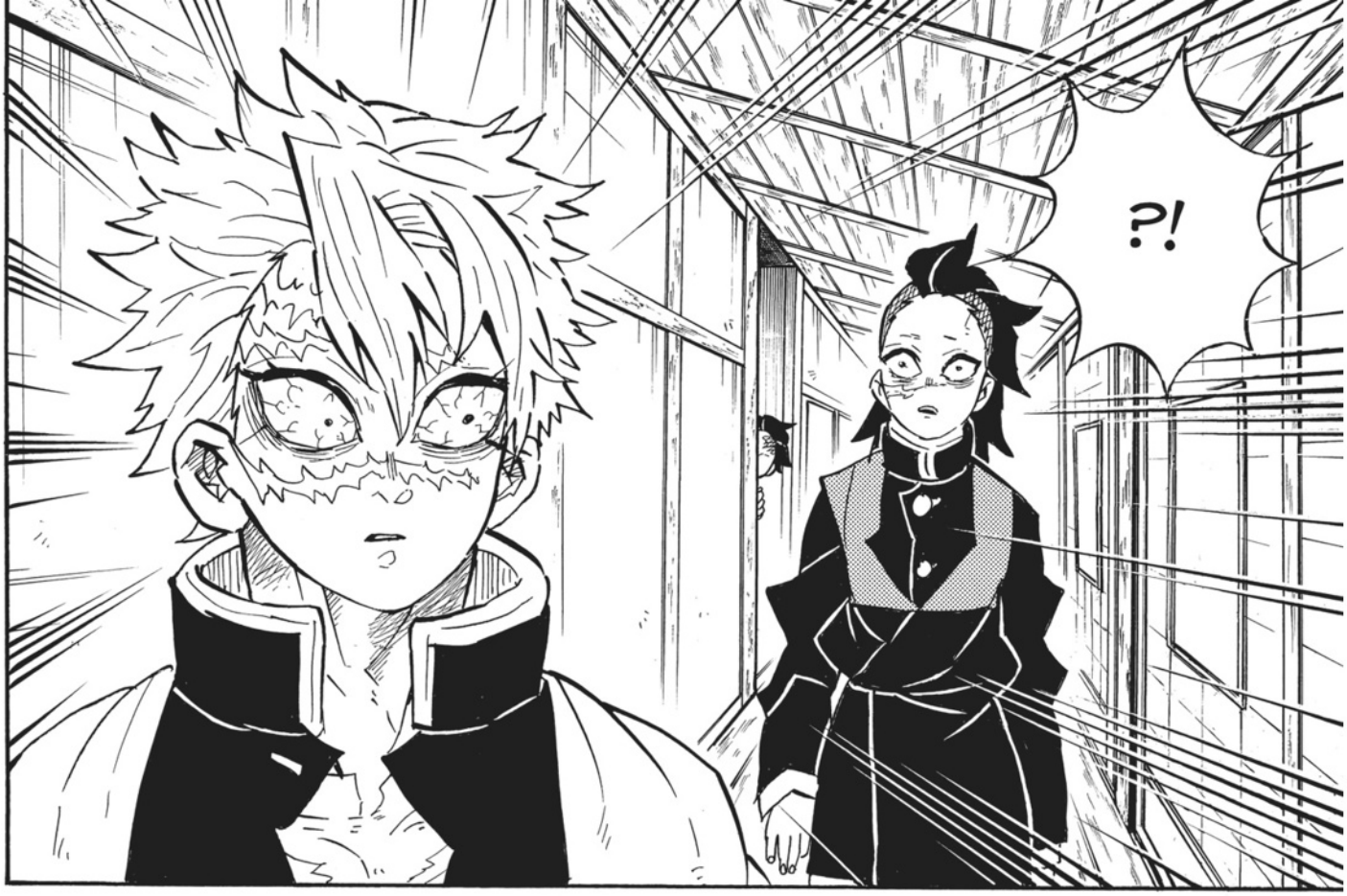
FWIP
...

YOU CAN DO IT, GENYA!
I'VE WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR A LONG TIME.
W...
WAIT! SANEMI!
DON'T LET HIM WIN!



SO GET LOST.
SERIOUSLY, I DON'T CARE.


...FOUGHT SO HARD. I EVEN ATE A DEMON!
BUT...
...I...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WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
A DEMON?

YOU ATE ONE?
KWAM

ZWSH
FWF
GENYA!
HE DISAP-
PEARED!

THWAM
WAAAAH!
TANJIRO?
HUH?
GET DOWN! PRETEND YOU'RE PASSED OUT!
HE'S BACK! HE'S BACK!
SO COLD-BLOODED!
WHY ARE YOU BREAKING THE WALL LIKE THAT?!
HUH?! HE'LL KILL YOU, TANJIRO!

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WHAT IS THAT TORTURED AND OMINOUS SOUND?!
?!
STOP!
KRAK
KRACK
KRAK
WAH
AM I GONNA GET POUNDED EVEN WHEN I'M NOT TRAINING?!
AAAGH! THAT GUY'S ON A RAMPAGE!

I WON'T KILL HIM. THAT'D BE EASY, BUT IT'S AGAINST CORPS RULES.
TMP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
DO YOU WANT TO KILL GENYA?!

HOW-EVER ...
...IF HE QUITS THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS RIGHT NOW, I'LL FORGIVE HIM.
I'LL DAMAGE HIM BEYOND RECOVERY INSTEAD!

YOU CAN'T FORCE HIM TO QUIT!
WFF WFF
YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THAT!
GRAAH!
KNOCK IT OFF!

WHETHER HE HAS TALENT OR NOT, HE DECIDED TO RISK HIS LIFE TO FIGHT DEMONS!
DIDN'T YOU SAY EARLIER YOU DON'T HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER ?!
THEN KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT ABOUT WHAT GENYA CHOOSES!
IF NOT FOR HIM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE DEFEATED THAT UPPER-RANK DEMON!
IF YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT HIS OLDER BROTHER, THEN I WON'T LET YOU INTERFERE WITH GENYA!
...BEYOND RECOVERY!
AND I WON'T LET YOU HURT HIM...

OHHH?
THEN FIRST I'LL HURT YOU BEYOND RECOVERY!
HERE HE COMES... HERE HE COMES ...
WHAM

THIS KID...!
WHOA...! TANJIRO!
...JUST STOPPED ME!
!!
RRGH!

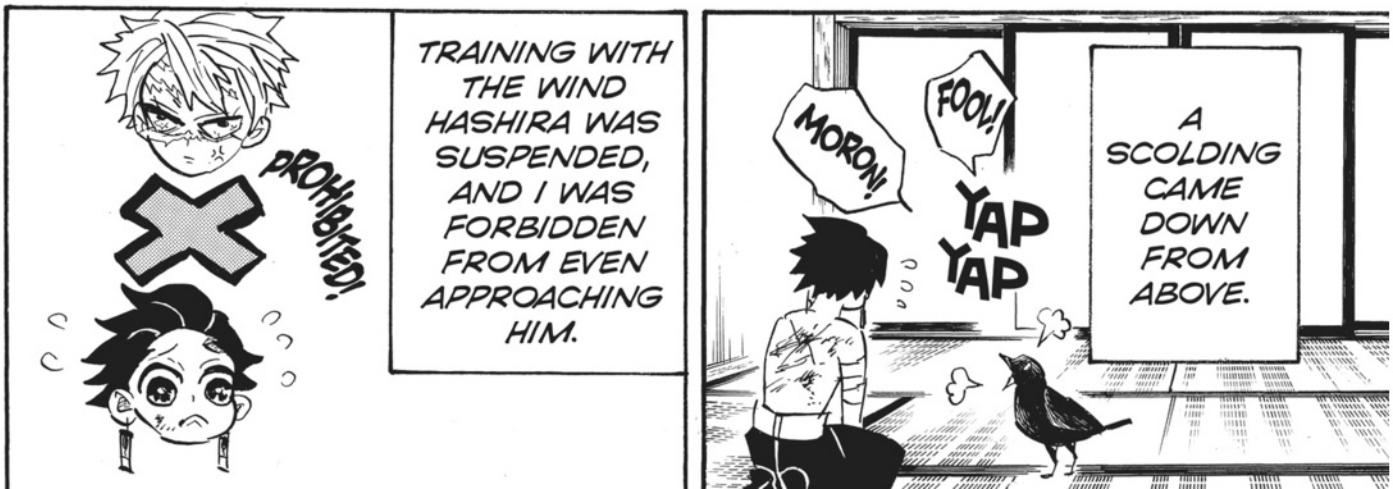
WHOK
ZENITSU! GET GENYA OUT OF HERE! PLEASE!
HE GOT IN A BLOW!
WHOA!
THUD

HEY! ARE YOU SOME KIND OF IDIOT?
TA-DAAH
DON'T SAY MY NAME, MORON! SIGNAL SOME BETTER WAY!
TANJIRO!
WHOK
SLIT
HE JUST GRAZED MY EAR, BUT HE CUT IT...
...WITH A KICK!

IT SEEMS YOU WANT TO DIE, SO I'LL KILL YOU JUST LIKE YOU WANT.
YOU'VE GOT...
...SOME NERVE!
WAHH!
YAW
TANJIRO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
WAIT!
I PITY YOU!
THAT GUY'S YOUR OLDER BROTHER?! HE'S A TOTAL FREAK!
IT'S GOOD TO SEPARATE PEOPLE WHO ARE QUARRELING! SO LET'S GET SOME DISTANCE!
WHO ARE YOU?! LET ME GO!

THWOK
DON'T INSULT MY BIG BROTHER!
HEY! I'M ON YOUR SIDE!

THE BRAWL CONTINUED UNTIL NEARLY EVENING.
AFTER THAT, IT WAS A JUST A BIG MESS.


PROHIBITED!
TRAINING WITH THE WIND HASHIRA WAS SUSPENDED, AND I WAS FORBIDDEN FROM EVEN APPROACHING HIM.
MORON!
FOOL!
YAP YAP
A SCOLDING CAME DOWN FROM ABOVE.

AND I WAS UNABLE TO SMOOTH THINGS OVER BETWEEN THE SHINAZU-GAWA BROTHERS.

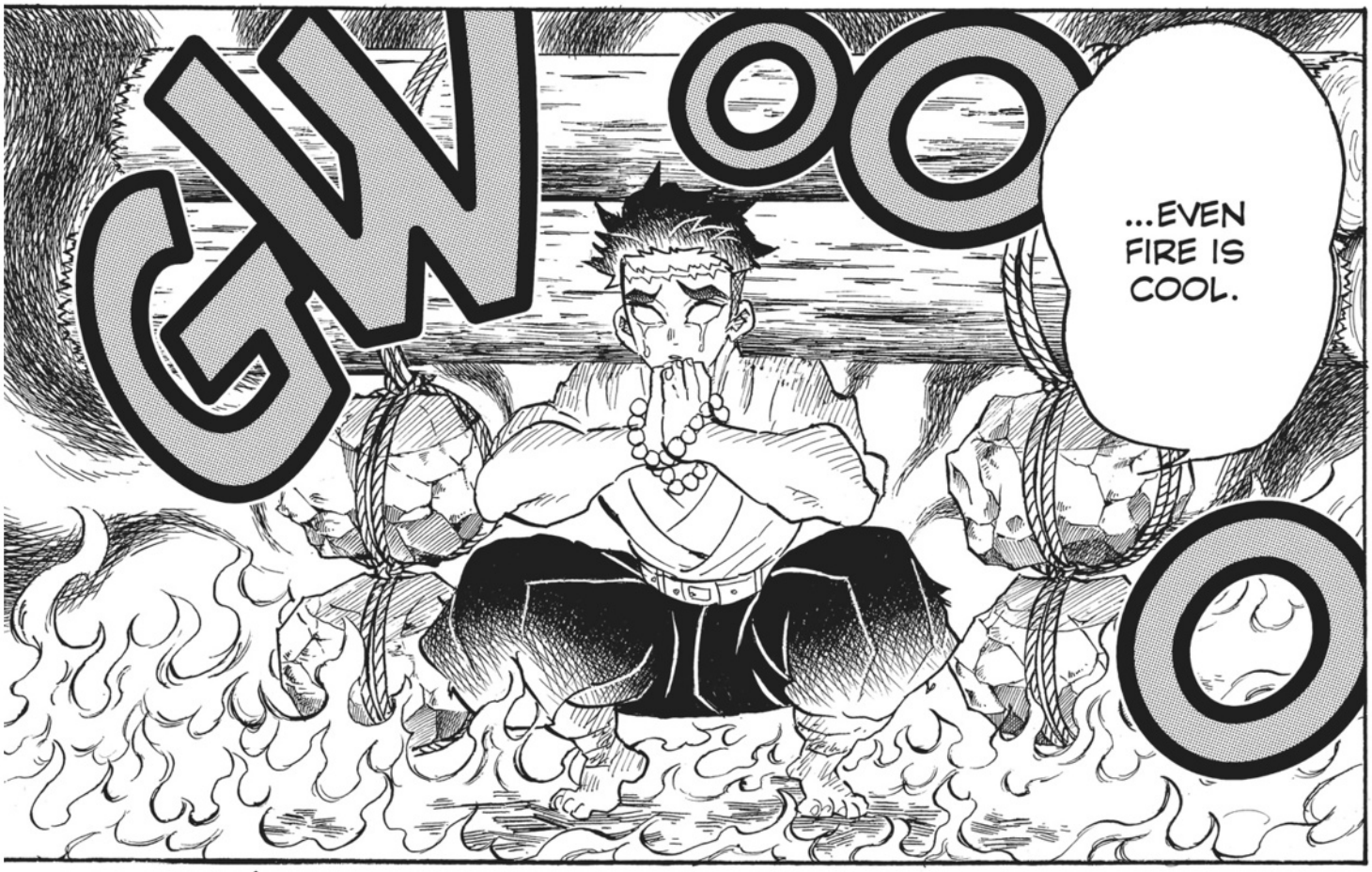
ACTUALLY, IT IS. YOU STOOD UP AGAINST THE WIND HASHIRA. THAT'S INCREDIBLE.
OH REALLY?
TP TP
THE MARK ISN'T CLEAR AND TRAINING ISN'T BEARING FRUIT.
I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.

SS HH
RR
A WATER-FALL!
SOME-ONE'S THERE!

I THINK WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
ANYWAY, WHY SO DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS? HOW STUPID IS THE STONE HASHIRA TO HAVE HIS HOUSE OUT HERE?!

RRR
THUS HAVE I HEARD!
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BUDDHA!
WHEN IN SHRAV-ASTI!
AT JETAVANA VIHARA!

WHOOAA!
WHOA!



*TONGUE: BARF

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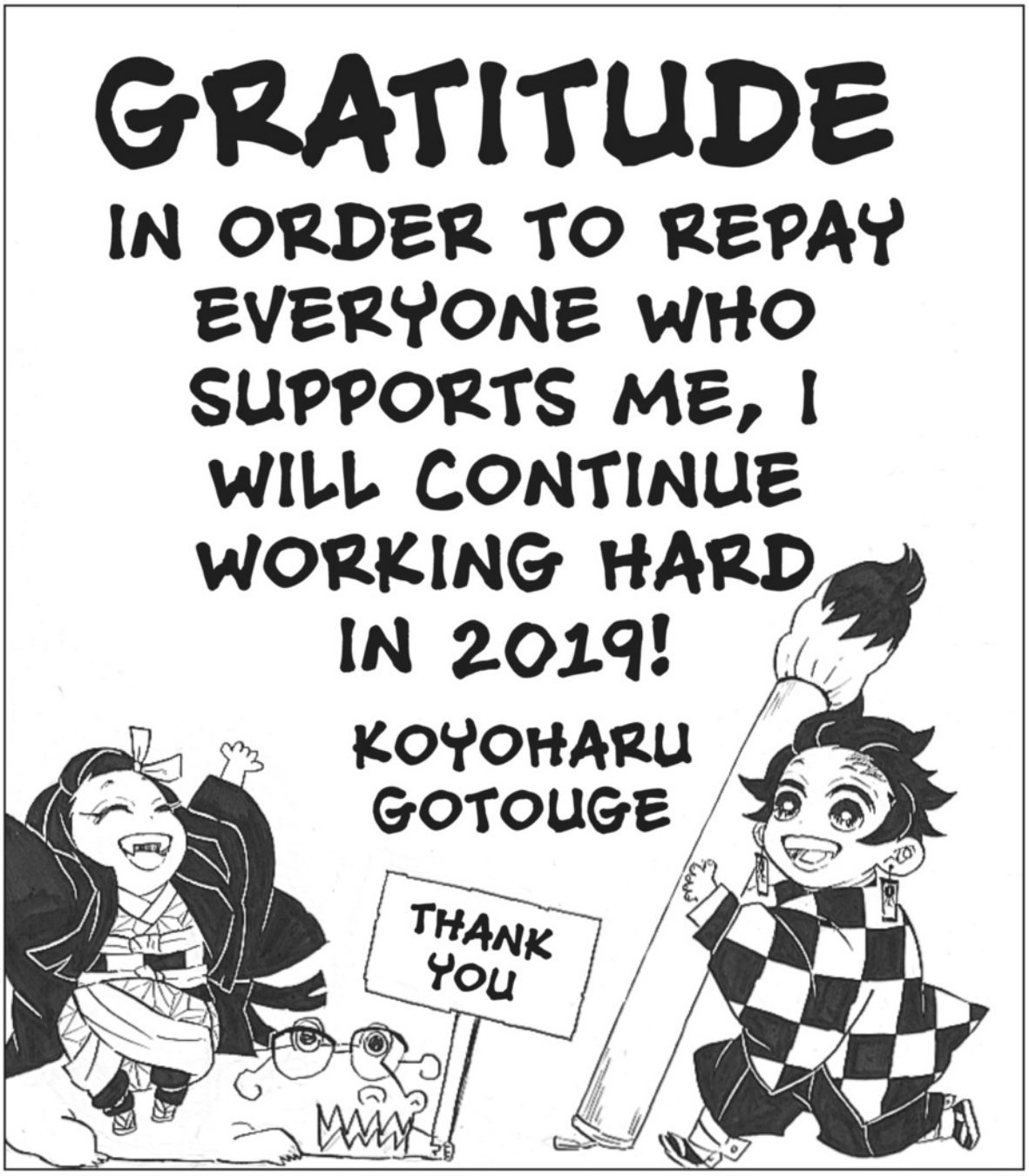

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